

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, APRIL 19, 2025 + 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.

📖 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— the Fall, the Passover, the Exodus, and the Resurrection.

At the conclusion of the Exultet, extinguish your candles and be seated.

COVENANT

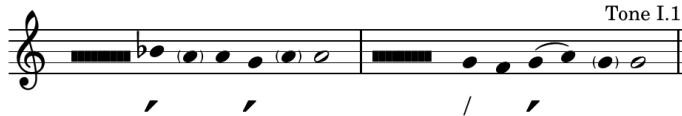
FIRST READING Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Creation

📖 The Word of the Lord.

👏 **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE Psalm 36:5-10



leader 5. Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faith- / fulness to the clouds.

all 6. Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and an- / imals, O LORD.

leader 7. How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the / shadow of your wings.

all 8. They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the riv- / er of your delights.

leader 9. For with you is the well of life,
and in / your light we see light.

all 10. Continue your loving kindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those / who are true of heart.

❖ PRAYER

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

Deliverance at the Red Sea

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, let my peo-ple go,
 3. The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,
 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

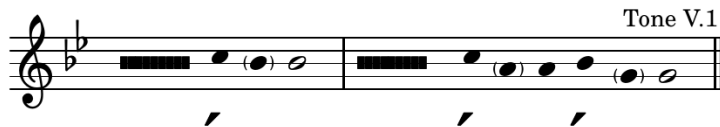
THIRD READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

Valley of the Dry Bones

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE Psalm 143:1-6, 11



leader 1. LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness
heed my supplications;

answer me in your righteousness.

leader 2. Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

all 3. For my enemy has sought my life
and has crushed me to the ground,
making me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

leader 4. My spirit faints within me;
my heart within me is desolate.

all 5. I remember the time past;
I ponder all your deeds;
I consider the works of your hands.

leader 6. I spread out my hands to you;
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

all 11. Revive me, O LORD, for your name's sake;
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

❖ PRAYER

FOURTH READING Jonah 1:1-2:1, 10

The Deliverance of Jonah

📖 The Word of the Lord.

📖 Thanks be to God!

❖ RESPONSE "Benedicite, omnia opera Domini"



choir 1. O all ye
all 2. O sun and
Tenor/Bass 3. O heat and
Soprano/Alto 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

HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

- ☐ God, who is rich in mercy and love...
- ☐ Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God...
- ☐ People of God, do you promise to support Emery and Chloe and pray for them in their new life in Christ?
- ☒ **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- ☐ 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?
- ☒ **I renounce them.**
- ☐ Do you renounce the powers of the world that rebel against God?
- ☒ **I renounce them.**
- ☐ Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- ☒ **I renounce them.**
- ☐ Do you believe in God the Father?
- ☒ **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- ☐ Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- ☒ **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.**
- ☐ Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?
- ☒ **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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

- ℣ Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God ... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- ✠ **Amen.**

BAPTISM

- ℣ Emery, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- ✠ **Amen.**
- ℣ Emery, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

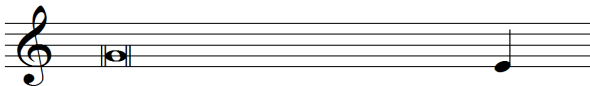
- ℣ Chloe, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- ✠ **Amen.**
- ℣ Chloe, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

WELCOME

- ℣ Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- ℣ Let us welcome the newly baptized.
- ✠ **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

❖ LITANY

- ℣ O give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

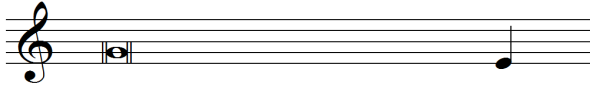


- ✠ **For God's mercy endures forev-er.**

- ℣ Who has loved us from all eternity:
- ✠ **For God's mercy endures forev-er.**

- ℣ And remembered us when we were in trouble:
- ✠ **For God's mercy endures forev-er.**

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



C For God's mercy endures forev-er.

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

C For God's mercy endures forev-er.

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

C For God's mercy endures forev-er.

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

C For God's mercy endures forev-er.

- L** Who on the third day rose from the dead:

C For God's mercy endures forev-er.

- L** And has given us the victory:

C For God's mercy endures forev-er.

- L** Who ascended on high:

C For God's mercy endures forev-er.

- L** And opened wide for us the everlasting doors:

C For God's mercy endures forev-er.

- L** Who is seated at the right hand of God:

C For God's mercy endures forev-er.

- L** And ever lives to make intercession for us:

C For God's mercy endures forev-er.

- 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 catholic church:

L For the means of grace:

L For the hope of glory:

L For the triumphs of his gospel:

L For the lives of his saints

L In joy and in sorrow:

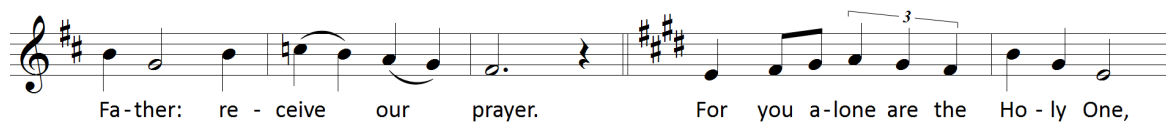
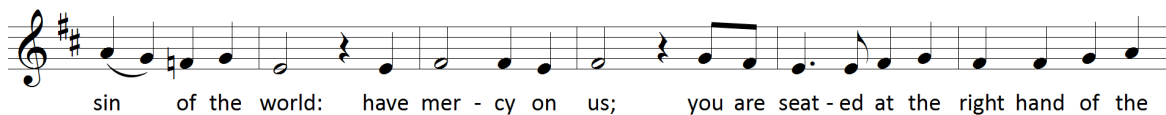
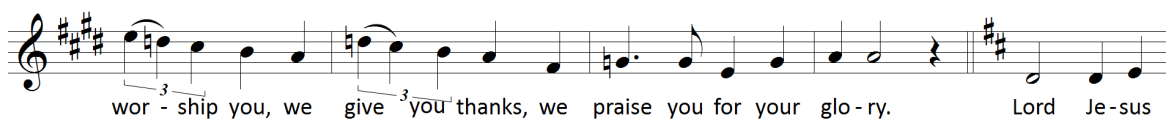
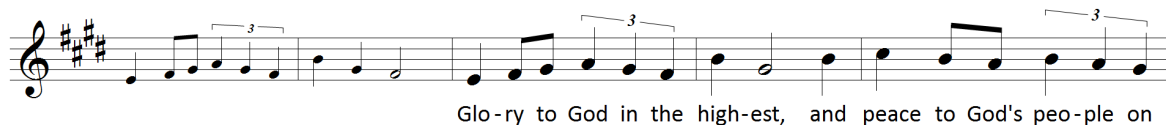
L In life and in death:

L Now and unto endless ages:

☞ 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.

© A-men.

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God" (*Welcome in Easter by using noise makers!*)

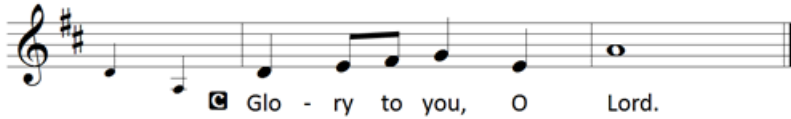


GOSPEL

❖THE HOLY GOSPEL

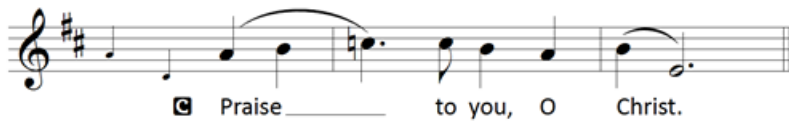
The Gospel is announced (John 20:1-18)

- ℣ The Holy Gospel according to...
(noise makers)



The Gospel is read

- ℣ The Gospel of the Lord.



❖EASTER GREETING

- ℣ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☞ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
(Welcome in Easter by using noise makers!)

❖HYMN OF THE DAY #364 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

❖PRAYERS

After each petition of the prayers:

- ℣ Lord in your mercy,
- ☞ **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

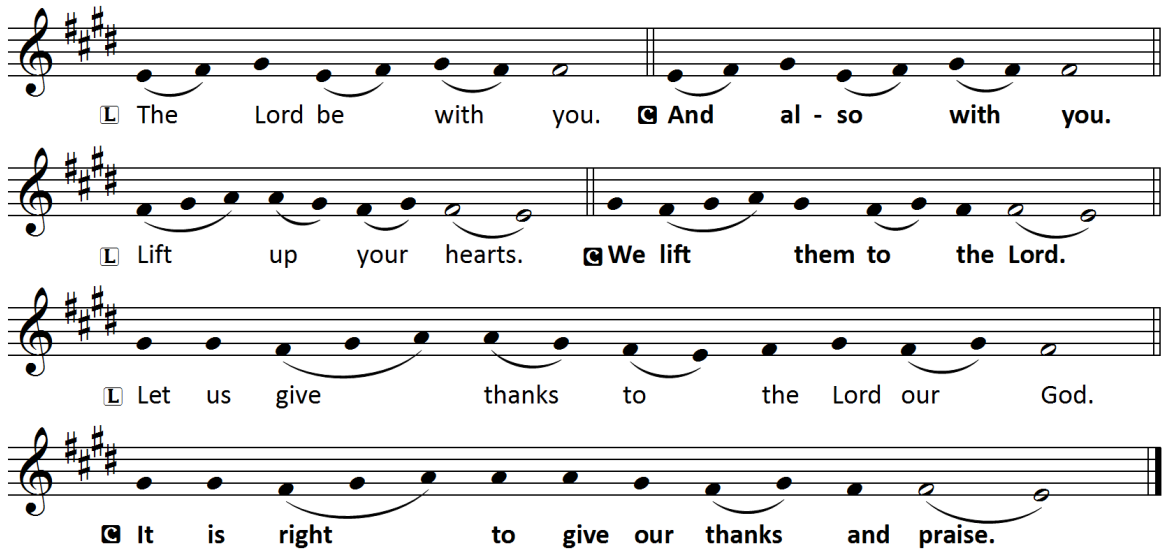
- ℣ ... through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- ☞ **Amen.**

❖PEACE

- ℣ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- ☞ **And also with you.** (noise makers)

HOLY COMMUNION

❖THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

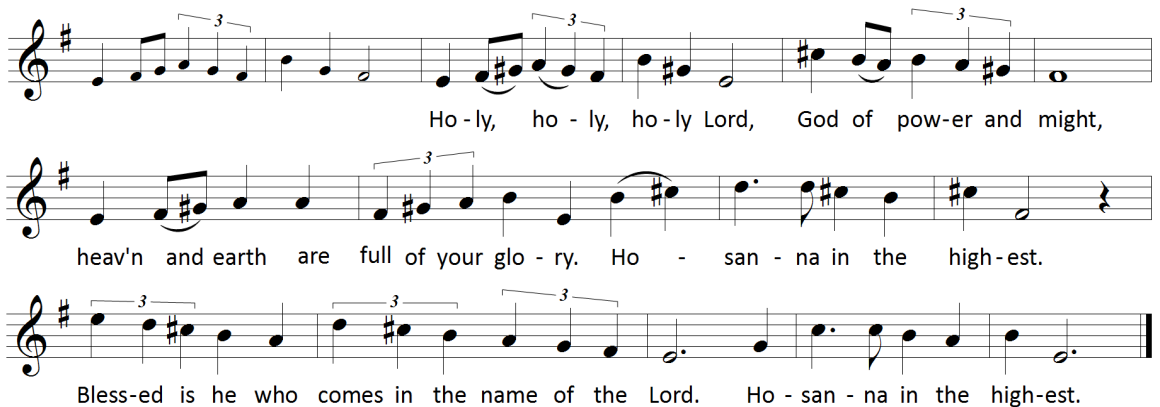
♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

♩ 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.

ANTHEM “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 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 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 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.

HYMN #363 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

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.**

❖ BENEDICTION

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

🗣 **Amen.**

❖ RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE “Symphony V: Toccata”

Charles-Marie Widor

All sit after the recessional cross has passed.

DISMISSAL

📖 Alleluia! Christ is risen!

🗣 **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** *(with noise makers)*

CONGRATULATIONS to
Chloe O'Neill and Emery Jansen,
on their baptism this evening.



Leaders in the Liturgy:

presiders - Associate College Pastor Katherine Fick, College Pastor Matthew Marohl

Cantor to the Student Congregation - James Bobb

proclaimant - Cantor Bobb

sacristans - Alex McGohan, Harry Park, Lucy Farland

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