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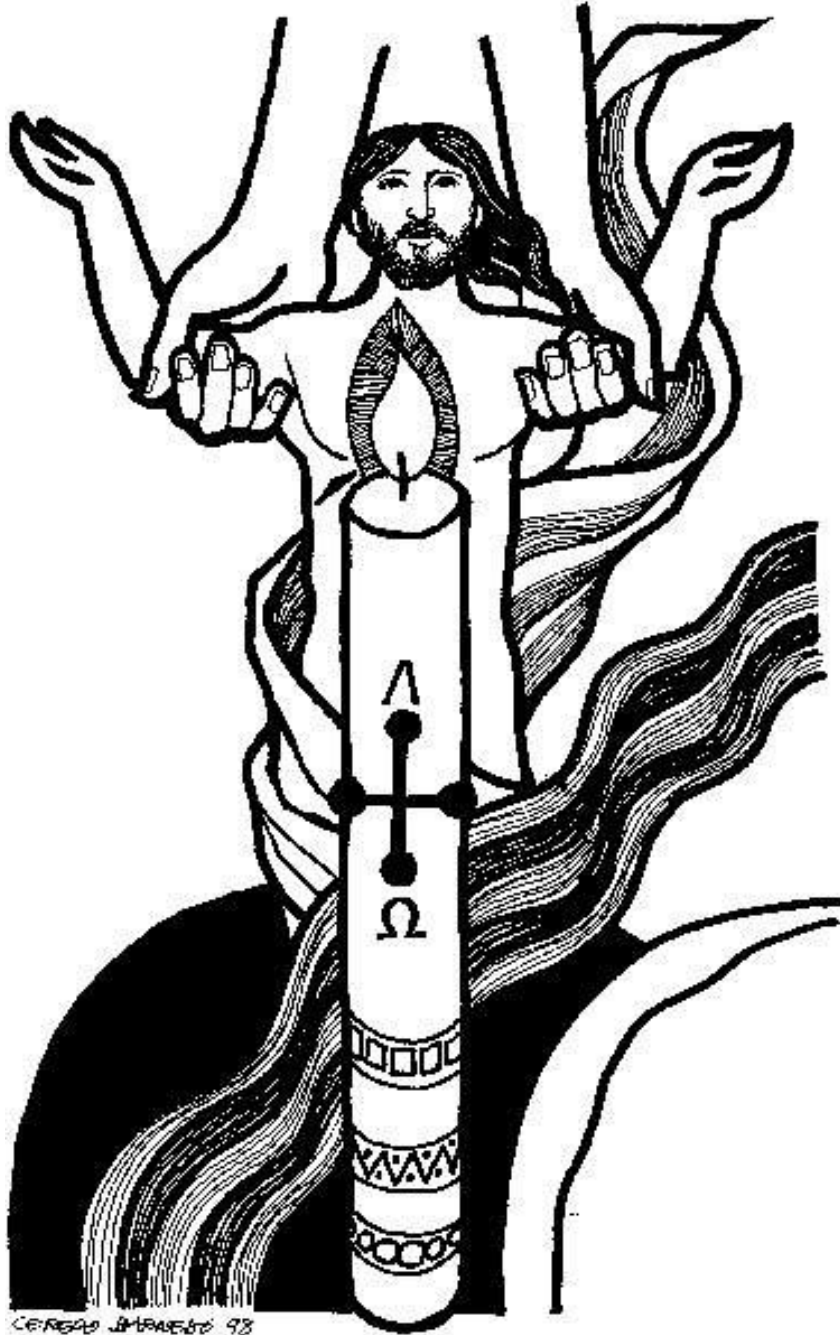
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Serving in God's house

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The service begins in minimal light. Congregants may gather in the narthex and process with the candle or remain in the nave during the procession of the Paschal Candle.

SERVICE OF LIGHT

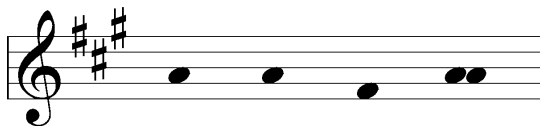
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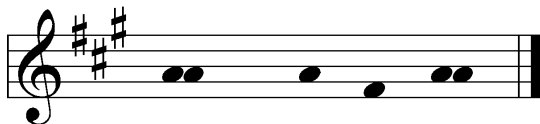
BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

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The light of Christ.



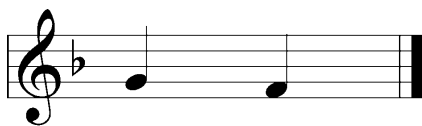
Thanks be to God.

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PREFACE

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PROPER PREFACE: It is truly meet, right, and salutary... one God, now and forever.



A - men.

All extinguish their candles.

Sit

SERVICE OF READINGS

The Creation

Genesis 1:1—2:3

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

COLLECT

PSALM

Psalms 33:1–11

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the LORD is upright,

and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,

and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;

he puts the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

For he spoke, and it came to be;

he commanded, and it stood firm.

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;

he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

The counsel of the LORD stands forever,

the plans of his heart to all generations

The Testing of Abraham

Genesis 22:1–18

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

COLLECT

PSALM

Psalms 10:1–12

Why, O LORD, do you stand far away?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;

let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.

For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,

and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD.

In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him;

all his thoughts are, “There is no God.”

His ways prosper at all times;

your judgments are on high, out of his sight;

as for all his foes, he puffs at them.

He says in his heart, “I shall not be moved;

throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity.”

His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;

under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.

He sits in ambush in the villages;

in hiding places he murders the innocent.

His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;

he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket;

he lurks that he may seize the poor;

he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.

The helpless are crushed, sink down,

and fall by his might.

He says in his heart, “God has forgotten,

he has hidden his face, he will never see it.”

Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;

forget not the afflicted.

The Gathering of God's People

Zephaniah 3:12–20

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

COLLECT

PSALM

Psalm 85

LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.**

You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

**Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!**

Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

**Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

**Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

**Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.**

Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

COLLECT

All You Works of the Lord

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All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord
praise Him and magnify Him forever.

You angels of the Lord, bless the Lord.

You heavens, bless the Lord;

all you waters above the 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;

all you showers and dew, bless the Lord.

All you winds of God, bless the Lord;

you fire and heat, bless the Lord;

you winter and summer, bless the Lord.

You dews and frost, 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 rivers and seas, bless the Lord;

you whales and all who move in the waters, bless the Lord.

All you birds of the air, bless the Lord;

all you beasts and cattle, bless the Lord;

all you children of men, bless the Lord.

O Israel, 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 pure and humble of heart, bless the Lord

let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit:

Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

The paschal candle is carried to the baptismal font.

BAPTISMAL ADDRESS and BAPTISMAL PRAYER

P Do you renounce the devil?

C Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting.

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

C Amen.

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF PRAYER

LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

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|---|----------------------------------|
| P O Lord, | C have mercy. |
| P O Christ, | C have mercy. |
| P O Lord, | C have mercy. |
| P O Christ, | C hear us. |
| P Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us
and has taken away the sin of the world, | C have mercy on us. |
| P Who was crucified for our transgressions
and raised for our justification, | C have mercy on us. |
| P Who foretold Your passion saying,
“The Son of Man must be crucified
and on the third day rise again,” | C have mercy on us. |
| P Who destroyed death by dying,
and by rising to life again brought life
and immortality to light, | C have mercy on us. |
| P Whose resurrection was first announced
by an angel to the women, | C have mercy on us. |
| P Who appeared to Mary Magdalene
and was worshiped by her, | C have mercy on us. |
| P Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples
on the Emmaus road and made Yourself
known to them in the Scriptures
and in the breaking of the bread, | C have mercy on us. |
| P Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing
on them Your peace and Your Spirit, | C have mercy on us. |
| P Who showed Your wounded hands
and side to the apostle Thomas
that he too might believe, | C have mercy on us. |
| P Who appeared to seven disciples
on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a
miraculous catch of fish, | C have mercy on us. |
| P Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve,
to over 500 disciples, to James
and to all the apostles,
and to Paul on the Damascus road, | C have mercy on us. |
| P Who commissioned Your Church
to make disciples of all nations
by baptizing and teaching them, | C have mercy on us. |
| P By Your glorious resurrection from the dead, | C good Lord, deliver us. |
| P By Your victory over sin and death, | C good Lord, deliver us. |
| P By the majesty of Your risen body, | C good Lord, deliver us. |
| P We poor sinners implore You | C to hear us, Lord Jesus. |

P That we may daily die and rise with You
in our Baptism and walk in the freedom
of Your forgiveness,
P That we may set our minds on things above
and not on earthly things, serving
as we have been served by You,
P That we may dwell with You forever in the
new creation as citizens of the heavenly
Jerusalem, together with all the saints,
P That we may daily die and rise with You
in our Baptism and walk in the freedom
of Your forgiveness,
P Christ, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world,
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P O Lord,
P O Christ,
P O Lord,

C grant us, good Lord.

C grant us, good Lord.

C grant us, good Lord.

C grant us, good Lord.

C have mercy on us.

C have mercy on us.

C grant us Your peace.

C have mercy.

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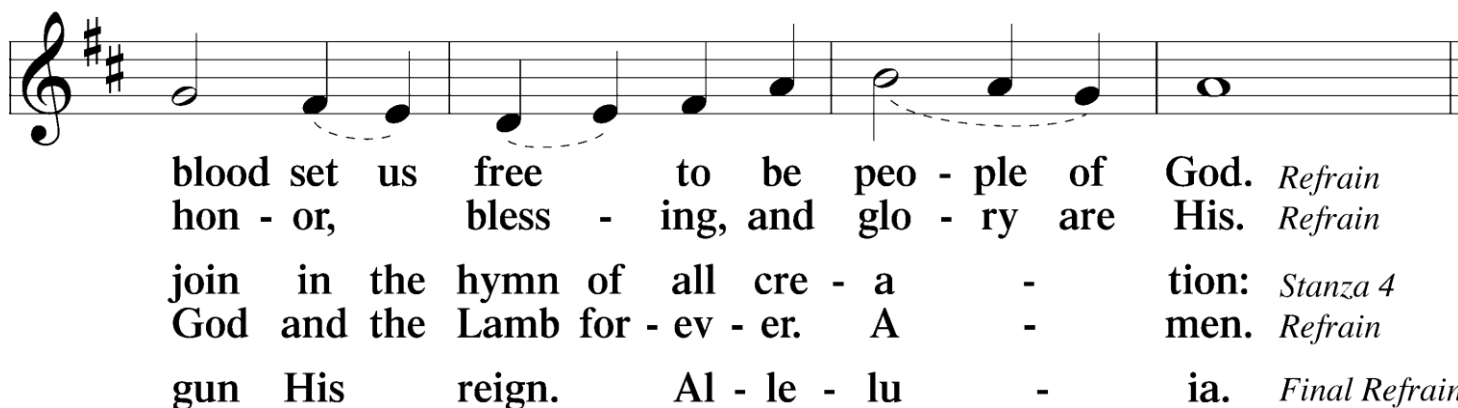
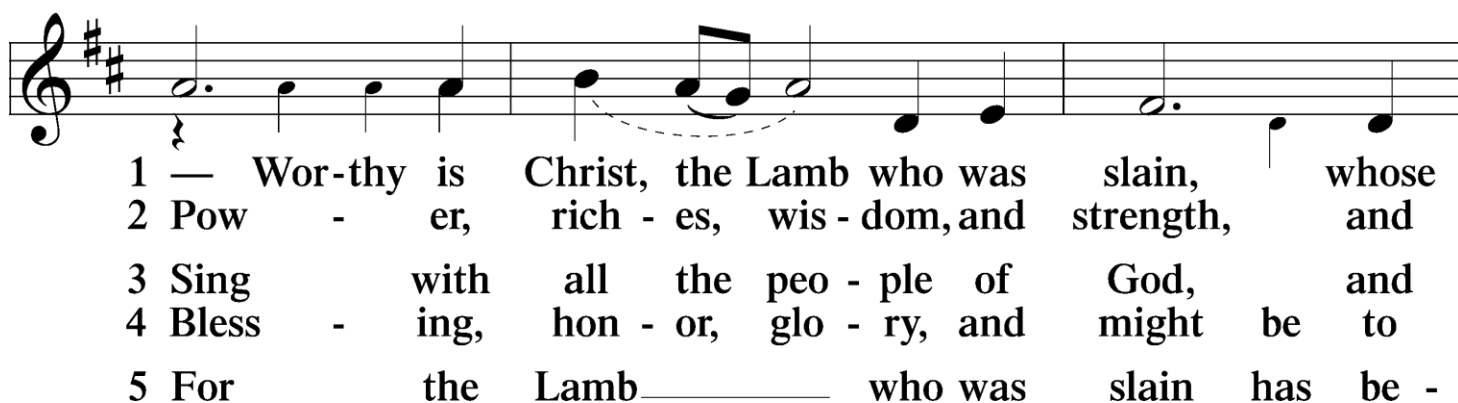
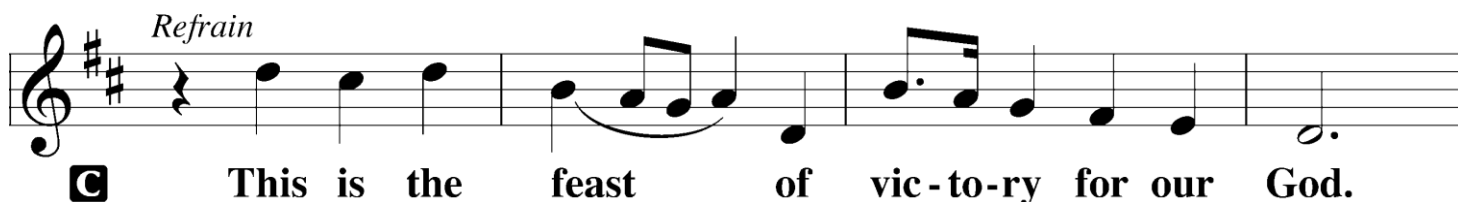
C have mercy. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 16:1–8***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

“The Lamb Is My Shepherd”

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

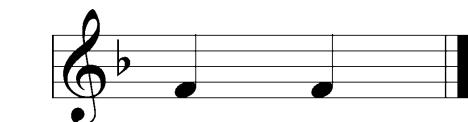
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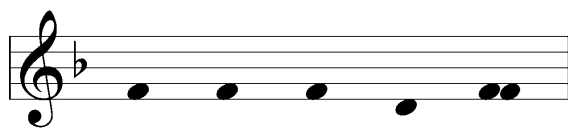
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Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands
 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

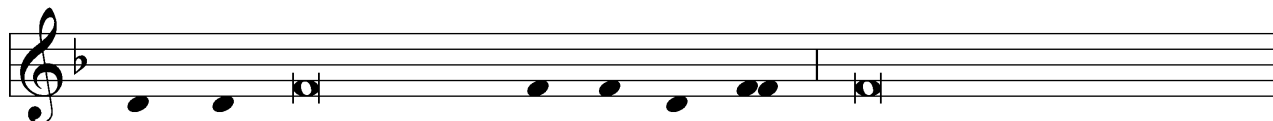
*LSB 458**LSB 621**Stand***P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.**C** A - men.



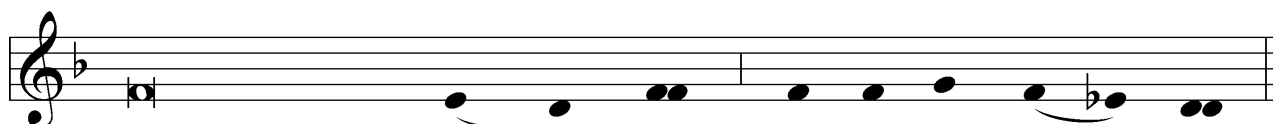
Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.



The al - mighty and mer - ci - ful Lord, the Father, the Son,



and the Holy Spir - it, bless and pre - serve you.



C A - men.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461:1,3,7-8

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Sung Benediction:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen.

Easter Services

April 20

Easter Sunrise Matins

6AM (outside BC)

April 20

Easter Sunday Divine Services

9AM & 11AM (BC)