

The Triduum

The Vigil of Easter
8:30 p.m.

Welcome to Worship at Mount Olive!

Mount Olive is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is a community in and of the city where all are welcome in every aspect of congregational life. We believe that worship is central to our life together, that our weekly gathering around Word and Sacrament strengthens us for our work as people of God in this and in every place.

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Helps for following the liturgy: Numbers marked with the word “page...” in small case are in the front portion of the hymnal at the bottom left and right corners of the page. Numbers marked with the word “HYMN...” are in the back portion of the hymnal in the upper left and right corners of the page. **The psalms** are numbered as hymns 1-150.

Focus on the Season - The Great Vigil of Easter

From death to life, from darkness to light, from silence to song, and from creation to resurrection through the history of God’s redeeming love – this is the content and the direction of the Vigil of Easter. We gather in the darkness of the tomb, awaiting God, and then we see the Light of Christ, and welcome God’s new creation which gives life to the world.

The Triduum: Easter Vigil

March 30, 2024 ✦ 8:30 p.m.

The Liturgy of Light

PROCESSION

(stand at the sound of the bell)

GREETING AND PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE

The Paschal Candle is blessed and lighted from the new fire.

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

☐ The Light of Christ. *(sung responsively)*

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Acolytes pass the flame of the candle to the candles of all worshipers.

EXSULTET

☐ Rejoice, heavenly powers ...

☑ **Amen.**

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

☐ It is indeed right ... through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**



*The assembly's candles **remain lighted** until the Hymn of Praise.*

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Creation

Response: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Verses, sung by leader All



God's mer-cy en-dures for - ev - er. _____

A time of silence and a prayer follows the response.

SECOND READING: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21
Deliverance at the Red Sea

Response: Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18

“Oh, Mary, Don’t You Weep”

arr. George T. Worth

*Oh, Mary, don’t you weep, don’t you mourn,
Pharoah’s army got drowned, oh, Mary, don’t you weep.
The way of evil doing is wide and fair,
and many, many they who perish there.
There was a mighty man who came on earth to save,
through him we stem the tide of tribulation’s wave. - Spiritual*

A time of silence and a prayer follows the response.

THIRD READING: Isaiah 55:1-11
Salvation freely offered to all

Response: Isaiah 12:2-6 *Verses are sung by the choir; All sing refrain.*

Choir, then All



With joy you will draw wa - ter from the wells of sal - va - tion.

A time of silence and a prayer follows the response.

FOURTH READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Valley of the dry bones

Response: Psalm 143 *Verses are sung by the choir; All sing refrain.*



Re - vive me, O Lord, for your name's sake. Re -



vive me, O Lord, for your name's sake.

Text: Psalm 143.

Music: Daniel Schwandt, refrain; John Weaver, tone, alt.

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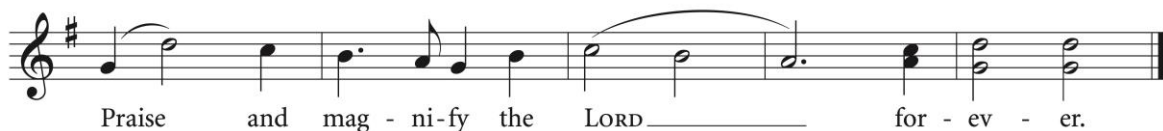
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A time of silence and a prayer follows the response.

FIFTH READING: Daniel 3:1-29
Deliverance from the fiery furnace

Response: “Song of the Three”

The verses are sung by the choir. All sing the refrain:



A time of silence and a prayer follows the response.

The Liturgy of Baptismal Affirmation

(standing)

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
- P Holy God, mighty Lord . . . in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE FONT WITH THE PASCHAL CANDLE

- P May the power of the Holy Spirit be poured out on this font we have filled.
(3 times)
- P May all who are buried with Christ in baptismal death rise also with him to newness of life; through Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.**

RESPONSE *(sung by the choir)*

Springs of water bless the LORD. Praise and magnify God forever.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

P Through the Paschal mystery we are buried with Christ by baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all demonic works and promised to serve God faithfully in the one holy catholic Church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C **I 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, and 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 Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

C **I will, with God's help.**

P Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

C I will, with God's help.

P Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

C I will, with God's help.

P Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

C I will, with God's help.

P Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

C I will, with God's help.

P The God of peace, who, in great mercy has given us a new birth into a living hope by water and the Spirit, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

C Amen.

ASPERGES

The assembly is sprinkled with water from the font during the Litany.

LITANY

Refrain:

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a double bar line. Above the staff, the word "All" is centered. Below the staff, the lyrics "C: God's mercy endures forever." are written, with "C:" aligned under the first measure and "er." under the final note.

L O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; **Refrain**
(Additional petitions will be sung, followed by the Refrain)

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a double bar line. Above the staff, the word "All" is centered. Below the staff, the lyrics "C: Blessed be Christ" are written, with "C:" aligned under the first measure and "Christ" under the final note.

L For the gift of the Holy Spirit; **Refrain**
(Additional petitions will be sung, followed by the Refrain)

L Give new life to your servants ... and all creatures, forever and ever.

C Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Repeated three times:

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☑ **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The assembly's candles are extinguished.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

HYMN 367

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Pulpit side; All at “Alleluia...”

Stanza 3 – Lectern side; All at “Alleluia...”

Stanza 4 – All

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Eternal Giver of life and light, 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.**

READING: Romans 6:3-11

(seated)

Response: ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

(standing)

HYMN 449

Stanzas 1 and 2 are sung before the reading.

Stanzas 3 and 4 are sung after the reading.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

Response after the announcement: ☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(standing)

Response: ☑ **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

AT THE OFFERING

“An Easter Alleluia”

Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb is sacrificed. Alleluia!

(seated)

Gerald Near

OFFERTORY

“This is the feast ...”

(standing as the gifts are brought forward)

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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 God thanks and praise.

Sanctus



☐ Ho - ly — ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and



earth — are full — of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Choir only
Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of the Lord, —



All
Ho — san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Based on *CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN*, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543
Adaptation and setting by David M. Cherwien.

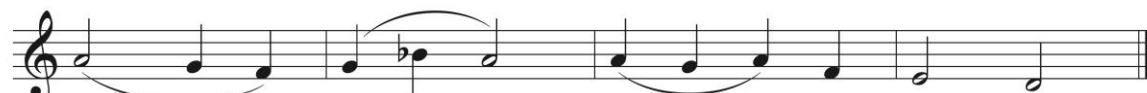
Eucharistic Prayer

☐ You are indeed holy, O God . . . the Lord's death until he comes.



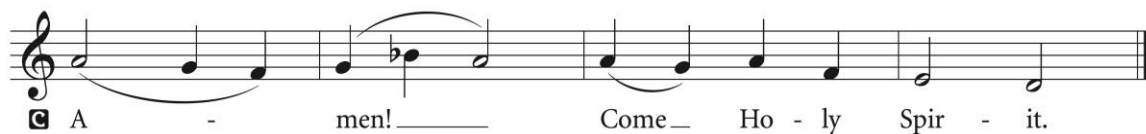
☐ Christ has died, — Christ is a - ris - en. Christ will come a - gain. —

☐ With this bread and cup . . . feast that has no end.



☐ A - men! — Come — Lord Je - sus.

☐ Send your Holy Spirit . . . justice, peace, and love.



☐ Join our prayers . . . now and forever.



Lord's Prayer

“Our Father in heaven...”

(chanted by all on a single tone)

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AT THE COMMUNION

(seated)

All are welcome to God's Table of grace. Receive the bread, and then the wine by drinking from the first cup or dipping the bread in the second cup. The bread is gluten-free.

If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you.

“Christ Our Passover”

Four staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with a long horizontal line under the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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“With High Delight Let Us Unite”

HYMN 368

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

HYMN 382

Refrain: All

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 3 – Low voices

Stanza 2 – Treble voices

Stanza 4 – All

“Thine Is the Glory”

HYMN 376

TABLE BLESSING

(standing)

Response: ☑ **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: ☑ **Amen.**

The Liturgy of Sending

BLESSING

Response: ☑ **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

☒ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☑ **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

☒ Go in the peace of the risen Christ!

☑ **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

William Mathias

All are invited to a reception following the liturgy.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Organist	Cantor David Cherwien
Assisting Ministers	Lora Dundek, Rebekah Schulz
Sacristan	Gretchen Campbell-Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Lauren Mildahl
Crucifer	Jim Bargmann
Readers	John Gidmark, Tricia Van Ee, Paula Carlson, James E. Berka, Sarah Stoebig
Acolytes	Brad Nelson, Amy Thompson, Kat Campbell-Johnson
Ushers	Andrew Andersen, Sue Browender, Jerry Duncan, Michael Lansing
Altar Preparation	Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede
Bell Tree	Eric Zander
Livestream / Audio Mix	Greg Murphy / David Molvik

EASTER DAY AT MOUNT OLIVE

- **Festival Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated tomorrow morning, Easter Day, at 10:00 a.m.
- **All are invited to a celebrative Carry-in Easter Brunch** tomorrow morning, at 9:00 a.m., before the Eucharist. Bring a dish to share!



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