

VIGIL OF EASTER

March 30, 2024

**Calvary Lutheran Church
Topeka, Kansas**

WE BEGIN THE SERVICE IN SILENCE OUTSIDE ON THE PATIO OR INSIDE THE NARTHEX
(dependent on weather)

✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

**Indicates to Stand*

***SERVICE OF LIGHT**

P: Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night . . . victory over death.

P: Let us pray. . . one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending,

P: the Alpha and the Omega.

P: His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.

P: By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

P: May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

(The congregation lights their candles from the Paschal Candle).

P: Let us pray. . . even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

(The congregation begins to move to the Sanctuary to continue the Service)

Pausing at the front door:

P: The light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

In the Narthex, pausing at the entry doors to the Sanctuary:

P: The light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Congregations moves to their seats and remains standing:

P: The light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

***EXSULTET**

P: Rejoice now . . . of all God's faithful people.

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 Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

(The congregation should extinguish their candles)

SOLO: *"The Paschal Victim"*

SERVICE OF READINGS

P: On this most holy night our Savior, Christ the Lord. . . shadow of death.

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES: Ezekiel 37:1-14

P: Let us pray. . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

JOB CONFESSES THE REDEEMER: Job 19:21-27

P: Let us pray. . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

JONAH PREACHES TO NINEVEH: Jonah 3:1-10

P: Let us pray. . . through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE: Zephaniah 3:12-20

P: Let us pray. . . in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

HYMN:

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Soon bears us all away;
 We fly forgotten as a dream
 Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home!

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SERVICE OF BAPTISM

P: On this holiest of nights, the whole Church. . . to God in Christ Jesus."

P: Let us pray. . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

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.

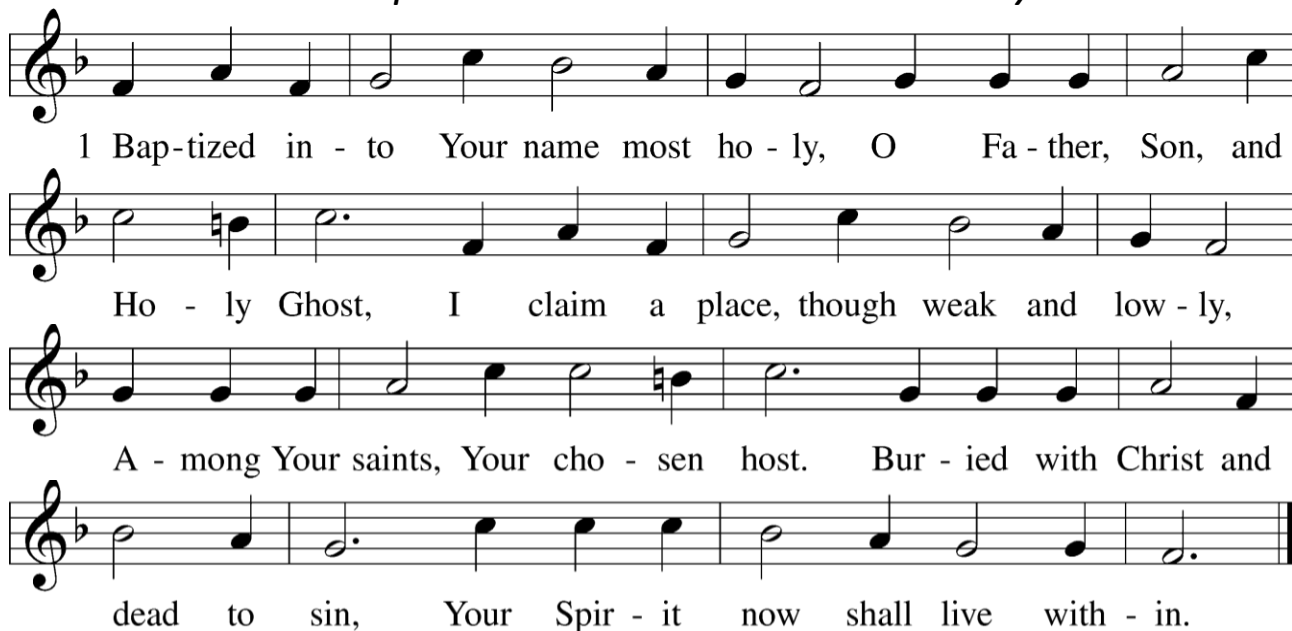
P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

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.

HYMN: *"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"* # 590 v. 1



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

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***SERVICE OF PRAYER**

***LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION**

P: O Lord,

C: **Have Mercy.**

P: O Christ,

C: **Have Mercy.**

P: O Lord,

C: **Have Mercy.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

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,

C: grant us, good Lord.

P: That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving as we have been served by You,

C: grant us, good Lord.

P: That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,

C: grant us, good Lord.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy on us.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy on us.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: grant us Your peace.

P: O Lord,

C: Have Mercy.

P: O Christ,

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P: O Lord,

C: Have Mercy.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

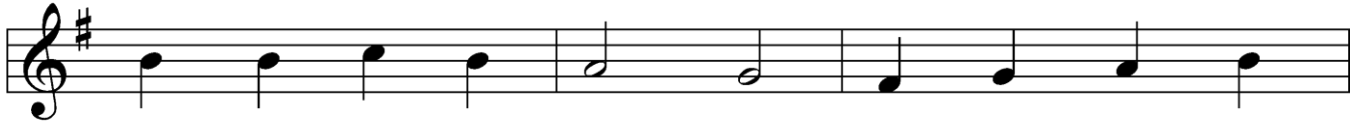
PRE-ACCLAMATION HYMN:

"O Darkest Woe"

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1 O dark - est woe! Ye tears, forth flow! Has
 2 O sor - row dread! Our God is dead, Up -
 3 O child of woe: Who struck the blow That
 4 Thy Bride - groom dead! God's Lamb has bled Up -



earth so sad a won - der? God the Fa - ther's
 on the cross ex - tend - ed. There His love en -
 killed our gra - cious Mas - ter? "It was I," thy
 on thy sin for - ev - er, Pour - ing out His



on - ly Son Now is bur - ied yon - der.
 liv - ened us As His life was end - ed.
 con - science cries, "I have wrought dis - as - ter!"
 sin - less self In this vast en - deav - or.

5 Such innocence!
 His countenance
 A fount of faith undying!
 Worlds on worlds cannot contain
 Grief at Him here lying.

7 O Jesus Christ,
 Who sacrificed
 Thy life for lifeless mortals:
 Be my life in death and bring
 Me to heaven's portals!

6 O Virgin's Son,
 What Thou hast won
 Is far beyond all telling:
 How our God, detested, died,
 Hell and devil felling.

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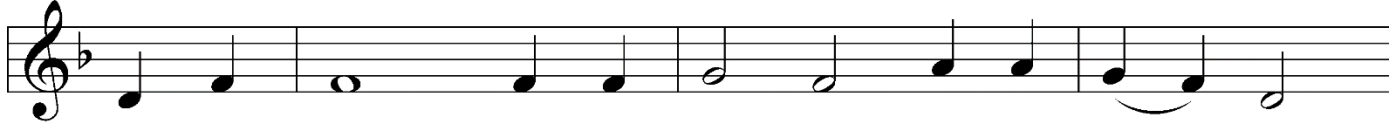
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" # 849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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***SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. . . one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

***HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 16:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and 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: *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”*

OFFERING: *(as the offerings are being gathered to glorify our Lord, please sign and pass the red attendance booklet found in the pew)*

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE:

1 Cor. 15:20; 5:7b; Rom. 6:9-11

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.
Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***CONCLUDING PRAYER:**

P: Let us pray. . . one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

***BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN:**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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