



Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Holy Saturday (Vigil)

TRIDUUM: THE GREAT “THREE DAYS”

Zion Lutheran Church + Wausau, Wis. + April 11, 2020 A.D.

The ministers and musicians gather on the front steps of the church.

INTRODUCTION

After the presiding minister introduces the service, all sing "Christ, You Are Light" during the lighting of the new fire.

Christ, you are light for those who fol - low you.

You come to bring to all the light of life.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

As the Paschal Candle is lit:

P: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

C: Amen

Please follow the Paschal Candle to the pews at the front of the church.

At the doors of the church:

P The light of Christ!

C Thanks be to God!

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is for the Priest (P) and the second is for the Congregation (C). Both staves contain a simple melody with four notes, each corresponding to a word in the lyrics below.

At the center of the nave:

Musical notation for the center of the nave. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a soprano line with a treble clef and a common time signature. It contains four quarter notes: G4, A4, B4 (with a sharp sign), and C5. Below the notes are the lyrics: [P] The light of Christ!. The bottom staff is a bass line with a treble clef and a common time signature. It contains four quarter notes: G4, A4, B4 (with a sharp sign), and C5. Below the notes are the lyrics: [C] Thanks be to God!.

At the altar:

Musical notation for the altar. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a soprano line with a treble clef and a common time signature. It contains four quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, and C5. Below the notes are the lyrics: [P] The light of Christ!. The bottom staff is a bass line with a treble clef and a common time signature. It contains four quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, and C5. Below the notes are the lyrics: [C] Thanks be to God!.

EXSULTET

Cantor: Rejoice, now, all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and, for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of salvation. Exult, also, O earth, enlightened with such radiance; and, made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished from all the world. Be glad also, O mother Church, clothed with the brightness of such a light, and let this house resound with the triumphant voices of the peoples.

Musical notation for the Exsultet. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a soprano line with a treble clef and a common time signature. It contains five quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, and D5. Below the notes are the lyrics: [P] The Lord be with you. The bottom staff is a bass line with a treble clef and a common time signature. It contains five quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, and D5. Below the notes are the lyrics: [C] And al - so with you.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should with full devotion of heart and mind and voice, praise the invisible God, the Father Almighty, and his only Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ; who paid for us the debt of Adam to the eternal Father, and who by his precious blood redeemed us from the bondage to the ancient sin.

For this indeed is the Paschal Feast in which the True Lamb is slain, by whose blood the door posts of the faithful are made holy.

This is the night in which, in ancient times, you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel, from the land of Egypt; and led them dry-shod, through the Red Sea.

This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace and holiness by the rising brightness.

This is the night in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph.

O night, truly blessed, which alone was worthy to know the time and the hour wherein Christ arose again from hell! O night, truly blessed, in which heaven and earth are joined – things human and things divine.

We, therefore, pray to you, O Lord, that He in whose honor this Candle burns, will continue to vanquish the darkness of this night and faithfully shed light on all the human race; through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and rules with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

LESSON Exodus 14:10 – 15:1

HOMILY

HYMN “When Israel Was in Egypt's Land” blue hymnal #670

The Kantor sings the stanzas. All others join on the refrain.

1. When Israel was in Egypt's land, **Let my people go;**
Oppressed so hard they could not stand. **Let my people go.**

**Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharoah: let my people go.**

2. The Lord told Moses what to do, **Let my people go;**
To lead the childr'n of Israel through, **Let my people go. Refrain.**
3. The pillar of cloud shall clear the way, **Let my people go;**
A fire by night, a shade by day, **Let my people go. Refrain.**
4. As Israel stood by the waterside, **Let my people go;**
At God's command it did divide, **Let my people go. Refrain.**
5. When they had reached the other shore, **Let my people go.**
They sang the song of triumph o'er, **Let my people go. Refrain.**
6. Oh, let us all from bondage flee, **Let my people go;**
And let us all in Christ be free, **Let my people go. Refrain.**

~ AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM ~

THANKSGIVING 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 him thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who affirm their baptism this night might confess the faith in all love and purity. Wash away the sin of all who have been cleansed by water and the Word, and confirm their place in your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

P: May all who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism rise also with him to newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: Springs of water, bless the Lord!

C: Give him glory, thanks and praise forever! Amen

RENOUNCING EVIL and CONFESSING THE TRUTH

P: Do you renounce the devil?

C: I renounce him.

P: Do you renounce all his evil ways?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce all his empty promises?

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, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray . . . God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and raising them up to a new life. Pour your Holy Spirit upon your holy Church, all those who are gathered near and gathered far away, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the Spirit of joy in your presence.

C: Amen

P: The God of peace sanctify you wholly, and keep your mind, soul, and body sound and blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who has called you is faithful, and He will do it.

C: Amen

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!!

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!!

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!!**

The following hymn is sung as all proceed to the chapel.

During the singing of the hymn, the Passiontide veiling is removed, and the chapel triptych is opened to reveal the image of the risen Christ.

HYMN "He's Risen, He's Risen!"



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

After stanza 2:

*As the Trium-
phal Entry is
opened:*

P: Hosanna!
Blessed is
He who
comes in
the name of
the Lord!

C: **Hosanna to
the Son of
David!**

*As the Foot-
Washing is
opened:*

P: A new
command I
give you:

C: **Love one
another.**

*As the center is
opened:*

P: Alleluia!
Christ is
risen!

C: **The Lord
is risen
indeed!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . . O God, who made this night to shine with the glory of the resurrection of our Lord, preserve in all your people the spirit of adoption which you have given that, made alive in body and soul, they may serve you purely; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

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

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And 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. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And 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: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PASCHAL PROCLAMATION and BENEDICTION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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To God alone be glory

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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