

# THE THREE DAYS

Maundy Thursday  
Good Friday  
Easter Vigil

MARCH 29-31, 2018  
7:00 P.M.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MINNEAPOLIS

# WELCOME

*The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish to extend a special welcome to all visitors. We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception. Christ's church is intergenerational; the sounds and movements of both young and old are always welcome here.*

*Accessible and all-gender restrooms are located in the nursery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and in the basement.*

*Large-print bulletins are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.*

*If you are seeking pastoral care, please speak to a pastor today.*

*+invites the congregation to stand*

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 29, 2018 | 7:00 P.M.

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*With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At Christ's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.*

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## ABSOLUTION

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### WELCOME

### CONFESSION

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Child, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## FORGIVENESS

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

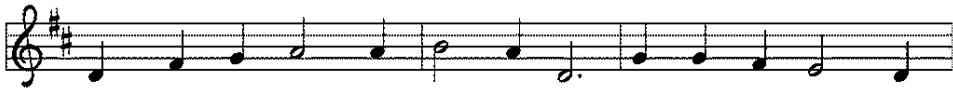
**Amen.**

*As an agent of reconciliation, turn to the people next to you,  
make the sign of the cross on their foreheads and say "Your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name."  
Make sure no one is left out, from our oldest to our youngest.*

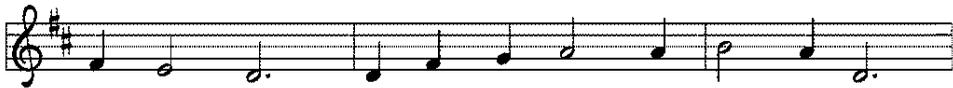
## OPENING HYMN

### *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*

RYBURN



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for  
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and  
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,  
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,  
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,  
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,  
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our  
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems  
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your  
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -  
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.  
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.  
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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## MEAL

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### +PRAYER

Come, Lord Jesus.  
You too were weary when day was done;  
You met your friends at evening time and dined with them.  
**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.**

Come, Lord Jesus.  
You too enjoyed your companions as the night drew on;  
You told your tales at close of day.  
**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.**

Come, Lord Jesus.  
You kindled candles and faith when lamps were low;  
You opened the scriptures, broke the bread, and shed your light as darkness fell.  
**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Amen.**

### +GREAT THANKSGIVING

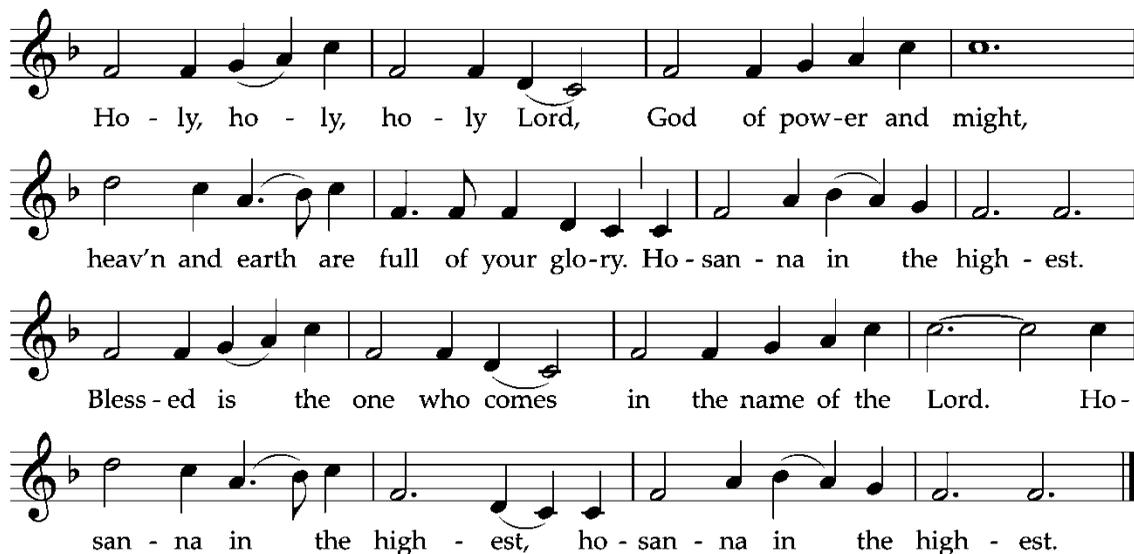
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

Holy Wisdom of God, eternally offensive to our wisdom and compassionate toward our weakness, we praise you and give you thanks, because you emptied yourself of power and entered our struggle, taking upon you our unprotected flesh. Therefore, with those who are detained without trial, with those imprisoned for conscience or for faith, with those who are being tortured, with those who have “disappeared,” with those abandoned or betrayed by their friends, with those who have died alone, without dignity, comfort, or hope, and with all the company of saints who have carried you in their wounds, that all the pains of humankind may be freshly embodied with new life, we praise you, singing,

+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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

Living in trust and hope, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

*The servers will bring communion to you.  
After you receive the bread, you may dip it in the red wine or white grape juice.  
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.*

Refrain: All; verses: cantor

Come and eat this liv-ing bread, Take and drink this wine. Come be nour-ished,  
 healed and fed, Shaped in-to God's sign. Gath-ered 'round as fam-i - ly,—  
 Man-y are made one. Form-ing love's com-mu-ni-ty, One we now be-come.

BLESSING

The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. Amen.

READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

ANTHEM

Love Is Love Is Love Is Love

Abbie Betinis

MEDITATION

HYMN

Now It Is Evening

EVENING HYMN

Now it is eve - ning; lights of the cit - y bid us re -  
 Now it is eve - ning; lit - tle ones sleep - ing bid us re -  
 Now it is eve - ning; food on the ta - ble bids us re -  
 Now it is eve - ning; here in our meet - ing may we re -  
 mem - ber Christ is our light. Man - y are lone - ly, who will be  
 mem - ber Christ is our peace. Some are ne - glect - ed, who will be  
 mem - ber Christ is our life. Man - y are hun - gry, who will be  
 mem - ber Christ is our friend. Some may be strang-ers, who will be  
 neigh-bor? Where there is car - ing Christ is our light.  
 neigh-bor? Where there is car - ing Christ is our peace.  
 neigh-bor? Where there is shar - ing Christ is our life.  
 neigh-bor? Where there's a wel - come Christ is our friend.

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# FOOTWASHING

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## PRAYER

God of dirty hands and tired feet,  
taking people as they come,  
kneeling and healing,  
touching where others turn away,  
forgive us when we want to be too clean.  
Forgive us when we despise life for the messy business it is.

If we are too proud to own up to our brokenness,  
if we keep hidden what needs refreshment, how can you care for us?

Move us  
from distance to involvement,  
from intent to touch,  
that we might know the ways you wash us beyond our expectation. **Amen.**

*Each person is invited to wash the feet of the person next to you by pouring water over both feet and then drying them. The last person in your group may then wash the feet of the person who began.*

## HYMN

*Ubi Caritas*

Taizé Community

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.

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# OFFERING

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## PRAYER

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Child, Jesus Christ our light, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Offerings to support the ministry of the church will be collected during the hymn.*

## HYMN

### *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*



Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time  
When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er  
let you be my ser - vant too.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

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*After the meal, Jesus left the upper room with his friends, and they went to a place called Gethsemane.  
He was arrested, and they all forsook him and fled.*

### **PSALM 22**

*At the end of our night together, all is laid bare,  
and Jesus is delivered into the hands of his betrayers.*

*After the psalm, the service ends in silence, with little conversation, with no benediction.  
We continue tomorrow night at the foot of the cross.*



*We will gather in the Bartsch Room at 7:00 p.m. on Good Friday and for the Saturday Vigil of Easter.*

# GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 30, 2018 | 7:00 P.M.

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*Tonight we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion, the story of a Christ who chooses to suffer for the sake of the world. The violence of the crucifixion has been placed within the context of resurrection, which always shapes the prayer of the church, even on this sad day. We are invited to bring our deepest sorrows and our most profound laments to God, who transforms signs of death into signs of life. This is a night of sorrow and hope.*

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## GATHER

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*Gather in silence.*

### +PRAYER

All that is spectacular and all that is plain have their origin in you, O God.  
All that is lovely and all who are loving are rooted in you.

Grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our knowing, we praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time and space in the person of Jesus, whose life we celebrate this night.

**For his life which informs our living,  
for his compassion which changes our hearts,  
for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities,  
for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering,  
for his fearless dying,  
his rising to life, breathing forgiveness:  
for all this we give you thanks.**

Compassionate God, your Child was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been grafted to this cross also find it a Tree of Life; that at all times we might find mercy in Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

*You may be seated.*

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# WORD

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JOHN 18:1-14

*Betrayal and Capture*

LAMENT

*For Racism*

SOLO

*"Poco Adagio" from Sonata for Horn*  
Melissa Morey, Horn

Halsey Stevens

JOHN 18:15-27

*Questioning and Denial*

LAMENT

*For Environmental Degradation*

HYMN

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words aligned under specific notes. The lyrics are: "all Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to / lower voices Who was the guil - ty? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my / higher voices Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath / all For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal / all There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a - / judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed, / trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus, / sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment, / sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish / dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y / by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed. / I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee. / while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed. / and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion. / and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing."

**JOHN 18:28-19:16a**

*Trial before Pilate*

**LAMENT**

*For Sexism and Toxic Masculinity*

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Lamb of God*

F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God, most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,  
patient, still, and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer;  
Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken:  
have mercy on us, O Jesu!

**JOHN 19:16b-27**

*Golgotha*

**LAMENT**

*For Economic Exploitation*

*Please stand at the end of the hymn's introduction.*

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

*Please be seated.*

JOHN 19:28-30

*Crucifixion*

LAMENT

*For Violence*

CHORAL ANTHEM

*O God, We Call*

Linnea Good

O God, we call. From deep inside we yearn for you.

JOHN 19:31-42

*Burial*

SOLO

*Sarabande from Cello Suite V*  
Melissa Morey, horn

J. S. Bach

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## SENDING

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PRAYER

O God, into the pain of the tortured:

**Breathe stillness.**

Into the hunger of the very poor:

**Breathe fullness.**

Into the wounds of our planet:

**Breathe well-being.**

Into the deaths of your creatures:

**Breathe life.**

Into those who long for you:

**Breathe yourself.**

O God, as we remember the last hours in the life of Jesus the Christ,  
we see in our own time Christ's suffering with us.  
Wherever creation groans and human beings long for transformation,  
wherever your people are made vulnerable by love,  
the wounded Christ is near.  
Stay with us, O God, and save us. Lead us into life.  
**Amen.**

*Leave the worship space in silence, or stay for reflection.  
We gather tomorrow for the Vigil of Easter at 7:00 p.m.*

# EASTER VIGIL

MARCH 31, 2018 | 7:00 P.M.

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*Keeping vigil on Easter eve is an ancient practice for the church. For centuries Christians have come together in vigil in darkness as night falls. The liturgy is multifaceted, rich, and playful.*

*We begin by lighting the new fire outside of the church building, lighting the Christ candle from that fire, then carrying it inside, calling out in processional, “The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.” The light of Christ serves as our guiding light in life’s journey. The Exultet is a prayer from the third century, which will be sung in its entirety in a new setting by Minnesota composer Marty Haugen. Listen for the beautiful language in this ancient prayer.*

*The Vigil is full of readings from scripture! We hear the slow unfolding of God’s gracious activity in the world and among us. Twelve readings are appointed, not all of which are read each year, but as a whole they lift up some of the greatest moments of the history of God’s salvific work—creation, flood, testing of Abraham, deliverance at the Red Sea, the gift of wisdom, the valley of dry bones, Jonah’s encounter with the big fish, the deliverance from the fiery furnace, and more. The congregation is encouraged to engage with the storytelling!*

*Following the scripture readings, we journey out of the Bartsch Room and around to the front doors of the church. There we enter into Christ’s resurrection. The Vigil has traditionally been a service when the candidates—also called catechumens—for baptism were immersed in the baptismal waters and welcomed into the life of Christ. This year, we have a child, Robin Olsen Biebighauser, who will be baptized.*

*We end our service, as we often do, gathered around Christ’s table, sharing in the celebration of Holy Communion. Jesus is alive, and he is with us in the bread and the wine and in the relationships we have with one another. Thanks be to God!*

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## GATHERING

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*Candles burn outside the church building, symbolizing the light of Christ in the world and the flame of the Spirit emerging from the tomb.*

### +GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

+PROCESSION

The light <sup>l</sup> of Christ.  
**Thanks be <sup>l</sup> to God.**

The light <sup>l</sup> of Christ.  
**Thanks be <sup>l</sup> to God.**

The light <sup>l</sup> of Christ.  
**Thanks be <sup>l</sup> to God.**

+EASTER PROCLAMATION-EXULTET

Marty Haugen

*When lighting candles, please tip only the unlit candle.*

Rejoice now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Cantor All



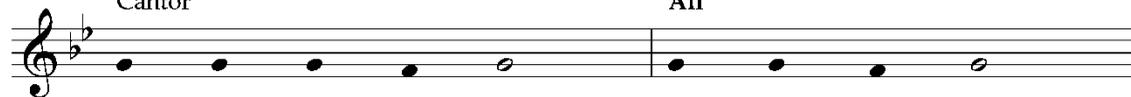
Je - sus Christ is ris - en! Je - sus Christ is ris - en!

Celebrate with exultation...

Christ has conquered! Glory...

Let the place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

Cantor All



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

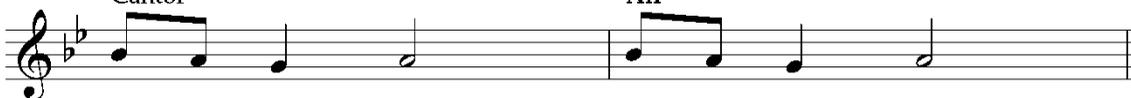
Cantor All



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

Cantor All



This is the night, this is the night,

This is the night you led...

This is the night when Christ...

Night clear as day...

Cantor All

This is the night, **this is the night,**

We sing the glories of this pillar of fire...

We, therefore, pray to you...

And we pray, O God...

Cantor All

A - men. A - **men.**

#### +PRAYER OF THE DAY

Christ our God, your love is poured out in death for our sakes. Hold us in your embrace as we wait for Easter's dawn. Comfort us with the promise that no power on earth, not even death itself, can separate us from your love; and strengthen us to wait until you are revealed to us in all your risen glory. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

#### READING

*Creation*

*Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

*Andrew Alness and Sarah Olson, singing*

*Stephanie Sulzbach, visuals*

*In the Beginning*

Wim ter Berg, arr. David Sims

In the beginning the whole world was gloomy; in the beginning the earth was void.  
God spoke the word and the light was created, marvelous light we have all enjoyed.

In the beginning came clouds, fog, and water; in the beginning came sky above.  
God spoke the word and the waters divided; up came the wonderful land we love.

In the beginning good soil was created so that the bushes and grass could root.

In the beginning came blossoming flowers, all kinds of trees that can give us fruit.

In the beginning the stars lit the heavens, moonlight at night and by day the sun,  
over the land and the sea and the shoreline, so that the seasons and years could run.

In the beginning the birds were sent flying; in the beginning God heard their song.

Fish in the water and beasts on the dry land, God made them all, both the weak and strong.

In the beginning God chose to make people; in the beginning God spoke the word.

Pleasant and good was our life in creation. All things were perfect: so said the Lord.  
Then our Creator enjoyed all creation; each of the creatures were loved and blessed.

Loving Creator, grant all of your children joy in their labor and in their rest.

**PRAYER**

God of the living and the dead, in you all things hang together. The atom is energy, the grass is vibrant, the rocks pulsate. All you have made is in flux, but your goodness is steady, planted more deeply in the heart of humanity than all that is wrong. With all of creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of growth; your unfolding purposes, forever at work in the world. **Amen.**

**READING**

*Noah and the Flood*  
*Genesis 7-9*  
*Rian-Fairley family, storytellers*

**HYMN**

*God of the Sparrow*

ROEDER



	all	God	of	the	spar - row	God	of	the	whale	God	of	the	swirl - ing
	all	God	of	the	earth - quake	God	of	the	storm	God	of	the	trum - pet
<i>higher voices</i>	God	of	the	rain - bow	God	of	the	cross	God	of	the	emp - ty	
	all	God	of	the	hun - gry	God	of	the	sick	God	of	the	prod - i -
<i>lower voices</i>	God	of	the	neigh - bor	God	of	the	foe	God	of	the	prun - ing	
	all	God	of	the	a - ges	God	near	at	hand	God	of	the	lov - ing



stars	How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Awe
blast	How	does	the	crea - ture	cry	Woe
grave	How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Grace
gal	How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Care
hook	How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Love
heart	How	do	your	chil - dren	say	Joy



How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Praise
How	does	the	crea - ture	cry	Save
How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Thanks
How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Life
How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Peace
How	do	your	chil - dren	say	Home

## PRAYER

God who makes promises, teach us of our kin, of owl, and zebra, and flower,  
of blinding sunlight, shady knoll, desert wind, and morning showers.  
Teach us every language of the creatures that sing to us,  
that we may count the cadence of infinite lessons in harmony.  
Teach us how to honor the sacred spaces of all,  
gently melding with the whole, answering the whippoorwill's call.  
Steamy tropics to glacial ice, to thundering ocean tides,  
in every grain of desert sands, your beauty and promises forever abide. **Amen.**

## READING

*Deliverance at the Red Sea*  
*Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21*  
*Paul Chindvall and Harry Mueller, visuals*

*Some of you have green signs that read "Go!" Others of you are holding pillars of clouds. And a few of you have been given the big task of parting the sea, when the time is right. We trust that you will find a way to participate in the singing of this story of our faith. Be bold!*

*Go Down, Moses*

African American spiritual  
arr. John W. Work Jr.

Choir: When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people **GO**;  
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people **GO**.

### Refrain (All):

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,  
tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo-ple go!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people **GO**;  
to lead the children of Israel through, let my people **GO. Refrain**

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**

As Israel stood by the waterside, let my people **GO**;  
at God's command it did divide, let my people **GO. Refrain**

When they had reached the other shore, let my people **GO**;  
they sang the song of triumph o'er, let my people **GO. Refrain**

**+PRAYER**

Persistent God, like our uncles and aunties in the ancient world, we are tethered to bondage and fearful of freedom. Supplant our spirits. Give us hearts that beat to the rhythm of your unending grace, that, among the gremlins and the greyness, we may encounter signs of hope and hear reverberations of Miriam's song. **Amen.**

*The assembly moves to the sanctuary. Weather-permitting, we will process outside. Those wishing to use an elevator are invited to take the elevator to floor two and process to the sanctuary.*

**+PROCESSION**

*Wade in the Water*

African American spiritual

*We sing as we process to the sanctuary.*

*Once in the sanctuary, please enter the front pews and be seated.*

*Children are invited to gather around the font for the baptism of Robin Olsen Biebighauser.*

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The treble staff contains a vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords. The lyrics for this system are "Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,".

wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff has lyrics underneath. The bass staff continues the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics for this system are "wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.".

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# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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## BAPTISM OF ROBIN VALENTINE OLSEN BIEBIGHAUSER

Robin Valentine Olsen Biebighauser  
*Child of Meghan and Jeff Olsen Biebighauser*  
*Christine and Cody Tresselt-Warren, sponsors*  
*Pastor Donna Olsen, grandmother of Robin*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents: *We present Robin Valentine Olsen Biebighauser for baptism.*

Meghan and Jeff, will you, with God's help, strive to share your love, faith, wisdom, and understanding with Robin and make for him a home where he may learn the way of Christ and join in Christ's work of love, peace, and justice? Will you share with him the church's life—worship, the holy supper, and friendship? Will you help and encourage him to live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*We will.*

Christine and Cody, will you seek to nurture Robin in the Christian faith as you are able and help him grow in the Christian faith and life?

*We will.*

Will you, members of this congregation who form the community of love in which Robin will grow, keep him and his caregivers in your hearts and in your prayers, and support them in the journey of life?

**We will.**

*Please stand.*

## +PROFESSION OF FAITH

People of God, I ask you to stand and profess your faith in Christ and reject sin.

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

**I renounce them.**

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

**I renounce them.**

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

**I renounce them.**

**+STATEMENT OF FAITH**

*A Creed from Women and Worship*

Siblings in Christ, let us affirm the faith in which we baptize:

**We believe in the living God, the Mother and Father of all humankind who creates and sustains the universe in power and in love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate on earth, who showed us by both words and work, suffering with others, conquest of death, what human life ought to be and what God is like.**

**We believe that the Spirit of God is present with us now and always, and can be experienced in prayer, in forgiveness, in the Word, the sacraments, the community of the church and all that we do. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we gather together clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Children are invited to pour water into the font.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us. We give you thanks for Great South Bay, Otter Lake, and Powderhorn "Lake," for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.

Praise to you for your saving waters. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit into this water and into all who are gathered here this day. Illumine our days. Blanket us with your grace. Enfold us with your peace. Satisfy all our thirst with your eternal fountain, and bring to birth the body of Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## BAPTISM AND SEAL

Robin Valentine, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Loving God, we thank you for the life of Robin and the new life you give to us through Christ. Sustain him with the gift of your Holy Spirit. Bless him that he may come to know what you have made known. Give him grace to grow in faith and life, wisdom and understanding, and joy in your everlasting presence. **Amen.**

Robin, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

*Congregational Representative:* Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life."

Through baptism God has made us members of the community of faith that is centered in Christ Jesus. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you, Robin, into the community of faith. We receive you as a member of 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.**

*Congregation may offer acclamation with applause.*

### *I Am a Child of God*

Bruce and Cheryl Harding



I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new cre - a - tion.  
I am an end - less prayer, I am a yearn - ing for con - tem - pla - tion,  
I am an an - gry voice, I am com - pas - sion and con - ster - na - tion.  
I am a cry for peace, I am com - mit - ment and ded - i - ca - tion,  
I am a song of joy, I am the mom - ent of ju - bi - la - tion,



I am a child of God, I am a child of God.  
I am an end - less prayer, I am an end - less prayer.  
I am an an - gry voice, I am an an - gry voice.  
I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.  
I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.

*Asperges (a word that means "thou shalt sprinkle") will be used during our singing. May the droplets remind all of us of God's enduring promises to all that God has made.*

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# MEAL

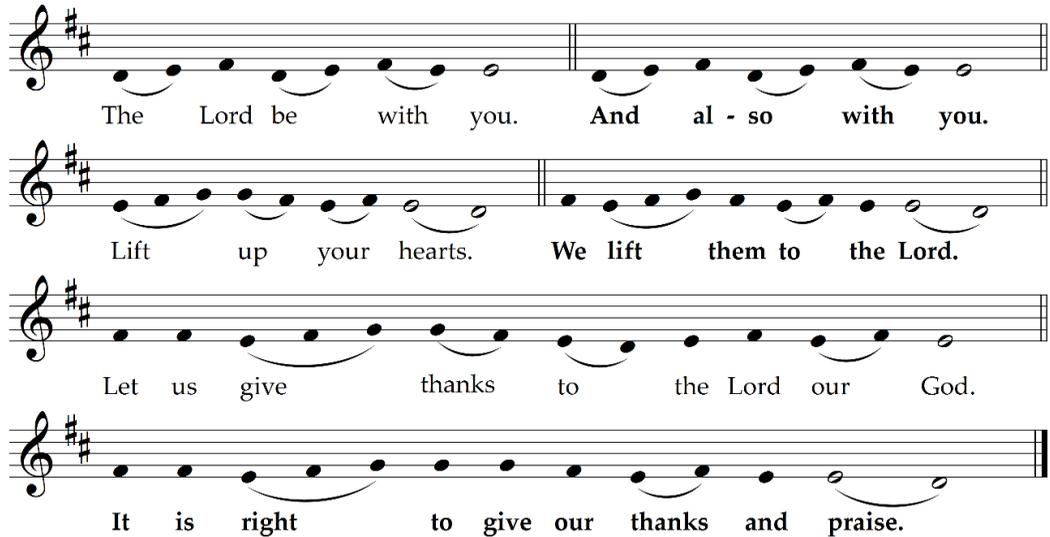
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+GOSPEL

*John 20:1-18*

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

+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.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Please be seated.*

*All are welcome at the table without exception.*

*Upon receiving the bread, dip it into the divided chalice which contains  
both red wine and white grape juice.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.*

ANTHEM

*Oh, What Sorrow, Oh, What Joy*

Tanzanian tune

Oh, what sorrow! Christ, the savior has been buried. Where to turn now? How will all our sins be carried?  
Joy unending, for death's shackles Christ did sever! Joy unending, he is living, Lord forever!  
See how Mary to the tomb went though her heart cried. With misgivings, yet she found the stone at one side.  
Death he suffered on the cross for our salvation. But God raised him. Let this be our acclamation.  
(Joas Kijugo, tr. Howard Olson)

**+BLESSING**

The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

**+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Light. **Amen.**

**+BENEDICTION**

Go now, into the night, glad and rejoicing, for Christ is risen.  
Sleep well knowing your lives find their home in Christ.  
In the morning, turn to the world,  
testify to what you've heard,  
and serve with resurrected delight.

May God surround you with everlasting love.  
May Christ Jesus raise you to life.  
And may the Holy Spirit anoint you with the power to do good.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;



in praise of love that still a - bounds:  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings:  
set heart and will on things a - bove



"Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing,  
"Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now  
that we con - quer through your tri - umph; grant



choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
still he comes to give us life and by his pre - sence stills all  
grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another as you depart.*



*Join us for Easter morning worship at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.*

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