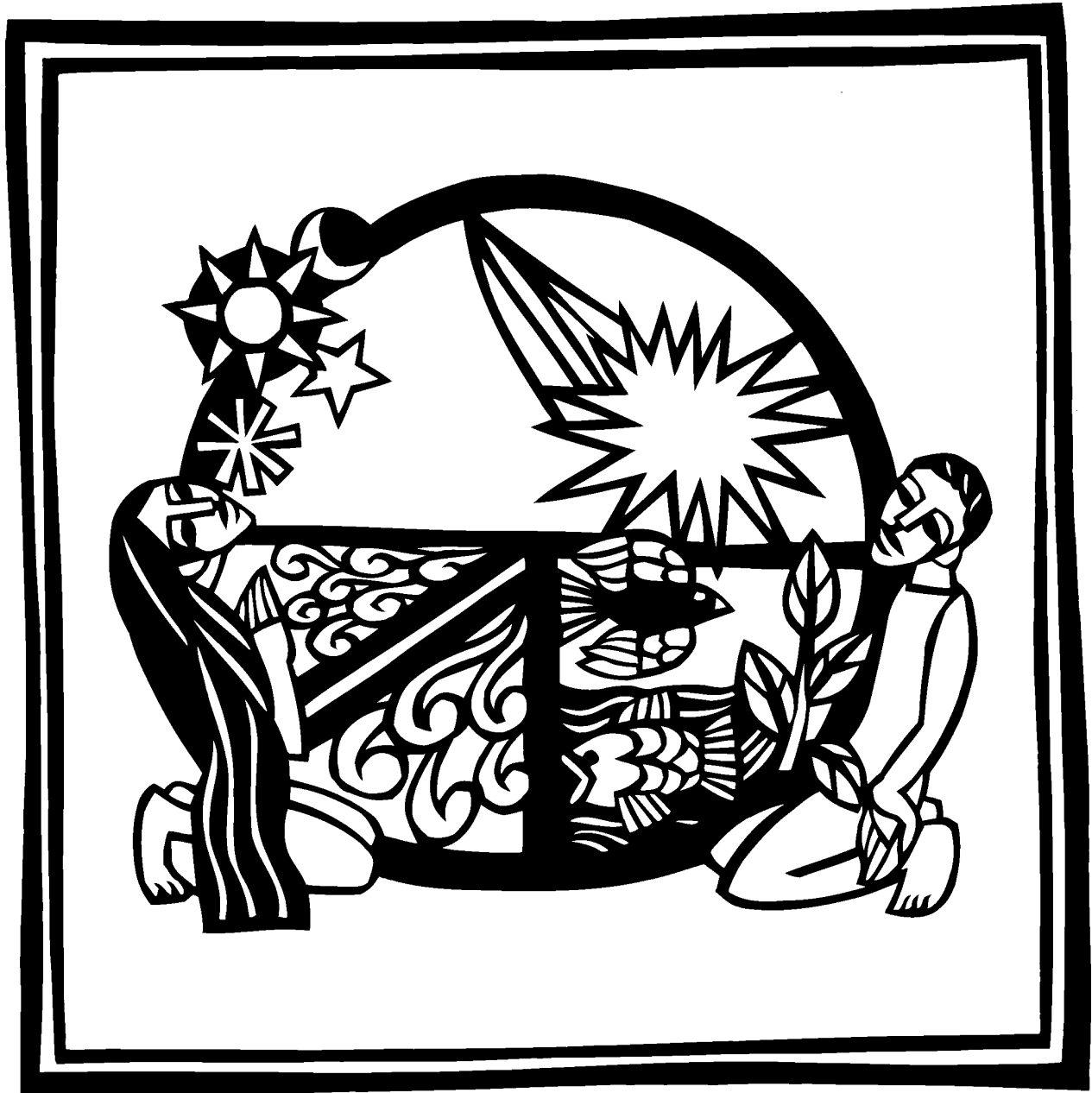


Easter Vigil



April 4, 2026

5:00 pm

St. Paul's Amherst Campus



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Musician: Adam Schmidt

The climax of the sacred three days is reached in this service which abounds in imagery evoking responses from deep within the human psyche: darkness/light, death/life, chaos/order, and slavery/freedom. This most holy night celebrates the central mystery of salvation – Christ's saving death and mighty rising. The Vigil begins in darkness and culminates in light. We move from a bare sanctuary to white and gold altar paraments. We raise the paschal candle as a symbol of Christ's victory over death with life eternal, remembering that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The Vigil of Easter begins in silence

Invocation and Greeting

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

C And also with you.

P Sisters and brothers in Christ, "This is the night on which we remember how God 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 the darkness of despair has been purged away by the rising brightness of hope. This is the night in which all who believe in Christ have been rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are once again renewed in baptismal grace, and are

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

C Thanks be to God!

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-4: Creation

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

Silence for meditation

P Let us pray... Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it.

C In your mercy, let us share this divine life with you, through the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.



Lighting of the Paschal Candle

P This Holy Night we celebrate the power of the light of Christ to transform our lives and the world. Christ Jesus, the light of the world, cannot be extinguished. At every baptism and funeral, throughout the season of Easter, and at any time where we celebrate the power of life over death, we light this Paschal Candle. This candle represents the light of Christ that dispels the darkness around and within us.

Let us pray...Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world.

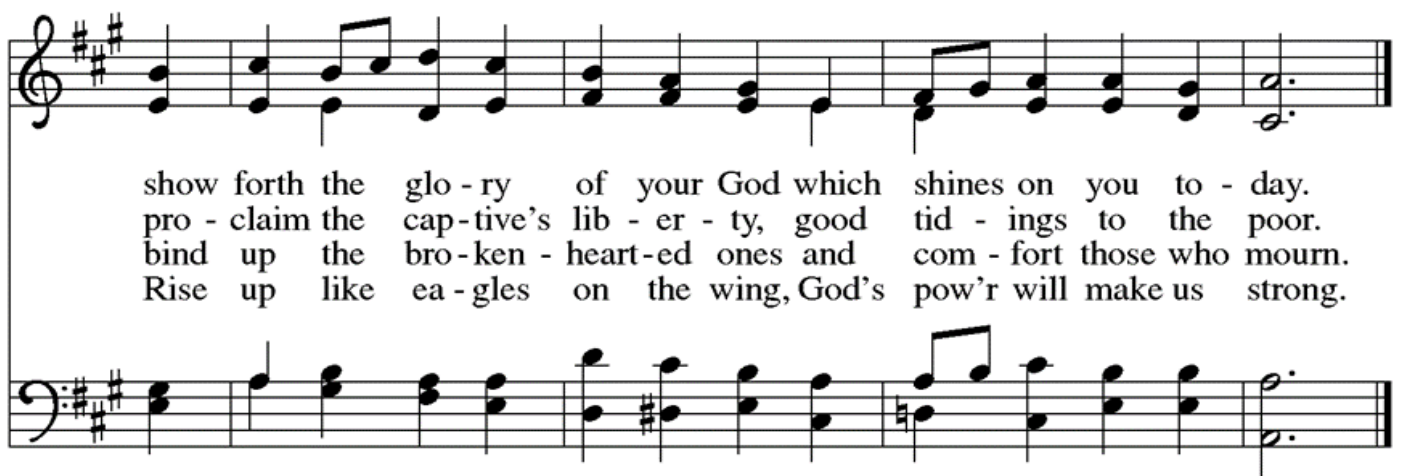
C Bless your people as we light this candle. Increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ’s rising. We pray through the Son of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The paschal candle is lit.

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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Second Reading: Exodus 14:19-31; 15:20-21: Deliverance at the Red Sea

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."



Silence for meditation

- P** Let us pray...O God, whose mighty and wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation offered to everyone by the water of baptism.
- C** Grant that all the peoples of the earth may partake in the salvation of the Israelites and together dance on the safe side of the sea, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Second Song: WOV 670

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land
Go Down, Moses



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
3 The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,
4 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side,



op - pressed so hard they could not stand,
to lead the childr'n of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
a fire by night, a shade by day,
at God's com-mand it did di - vide,



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo - ple go!

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*

Third Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Valley of the dry bones

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry

bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”



Silence for meditation

- P** Let us pray...Living God, by the death and resurrection of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life.
- C** **Breathe into us your life-giving spirit, that receiving the gifts of word and sacrament, we may live in the hope of all your blessings to come, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Third Song: ELW 407

O Living Breath of God



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

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Fourth Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Salvation freely offered to all

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight

yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the **LORD** your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the **LORD** while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the **LORD**, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the **LORD**. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.



Silence for meditation

- P** Let us pray...Holy God, you created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the whole earth by your Spirit.
- C** Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you, that rejoicing in your covenant of mercy, we may bring forth abundant fruit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Fourth Song: WOV 783 (on the following page)

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A⁷ D F#m

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Fifth Reading: Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?³ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Fifth Song: ELW 456

Baptized in Water



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



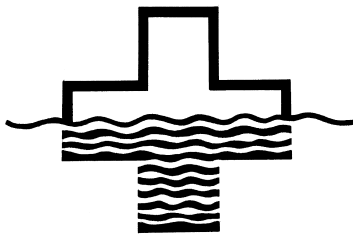
prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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AFFIRMATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

- P** On this holy night we remember the passover from death to life of our Lord Jesus Christ. In baptism, God unites us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and frees us from the power of sin and death. Through water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn children of God, are made into the church, the body of Christ, and are commissioned for Christ's ministry of justice and peace throughout the world. Tonight, we renew and remember the promises and gift of baptism
- P** Let us pray...Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourish us in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

RENUNCIATION

- P** As you affirm the promises made at your baptism, I ask you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. 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.**

AFFIRMATION

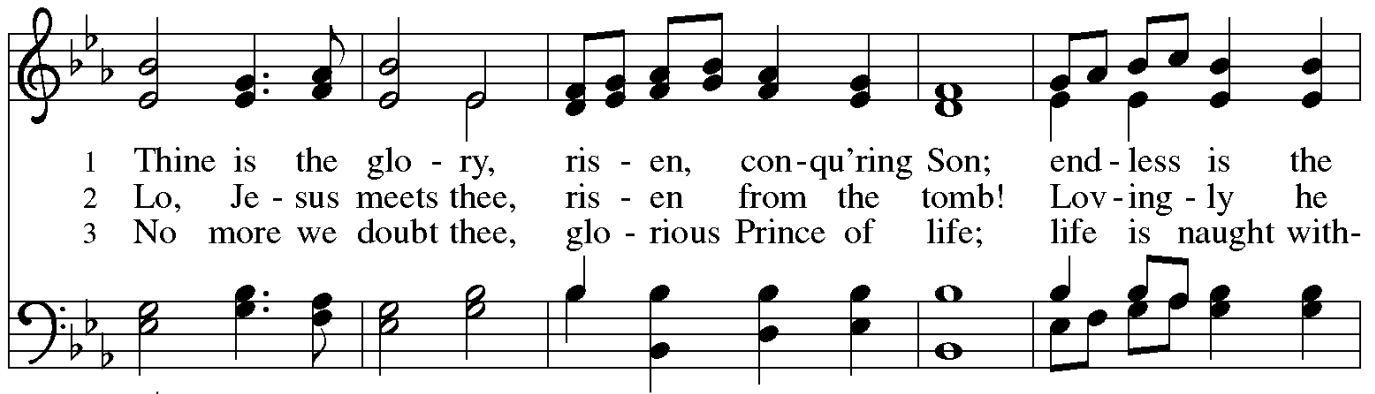
- P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?
- C** Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son?
- C** Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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 the Holy Spirit?
- C** Yes, 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.

RENEWAL

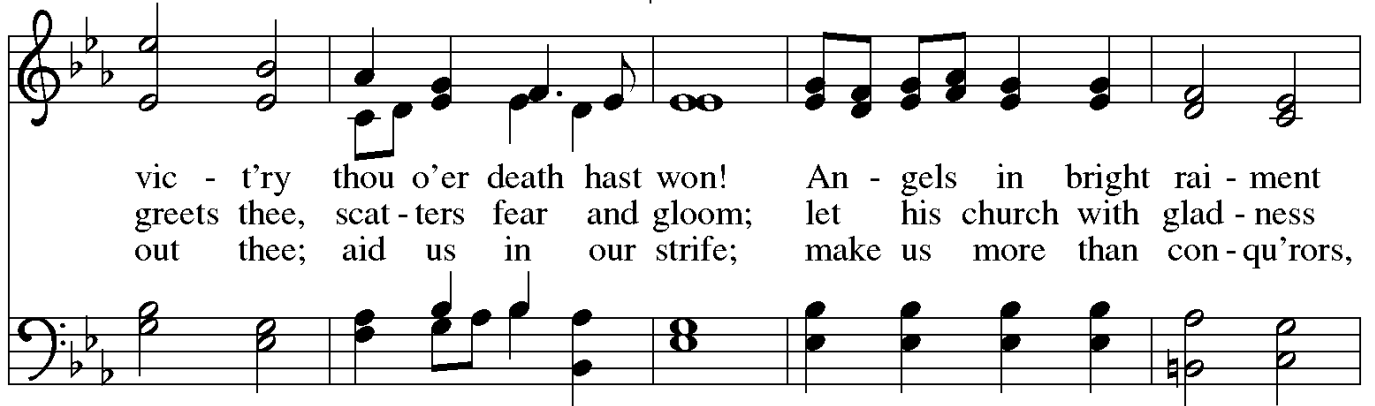
- P** You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism?
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
- C** Yes, I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.
- P** Let us pray...We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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, both now and forever.
- C** Amen.

SONG: ELW 376: Thine is the Glory, Verse 1 (on the following page)

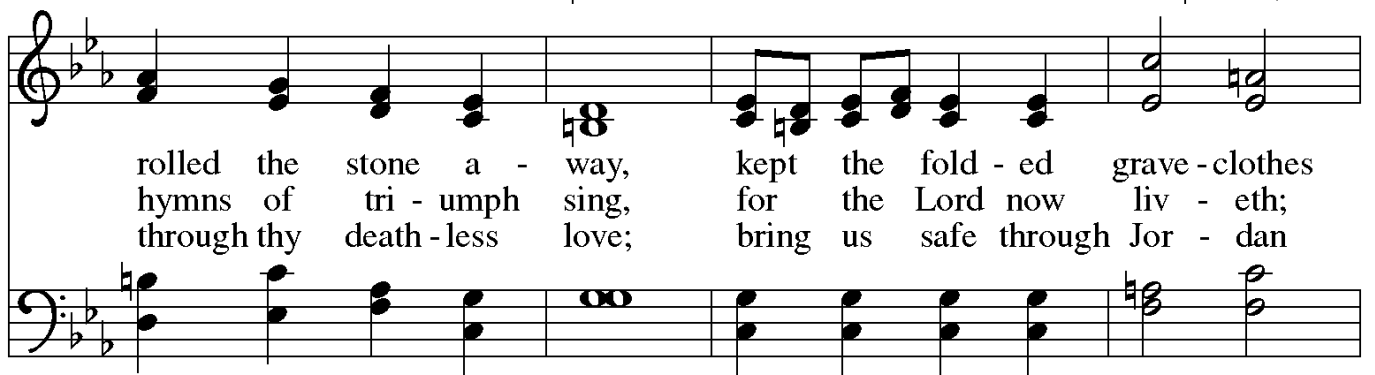
Thine Is the Glory



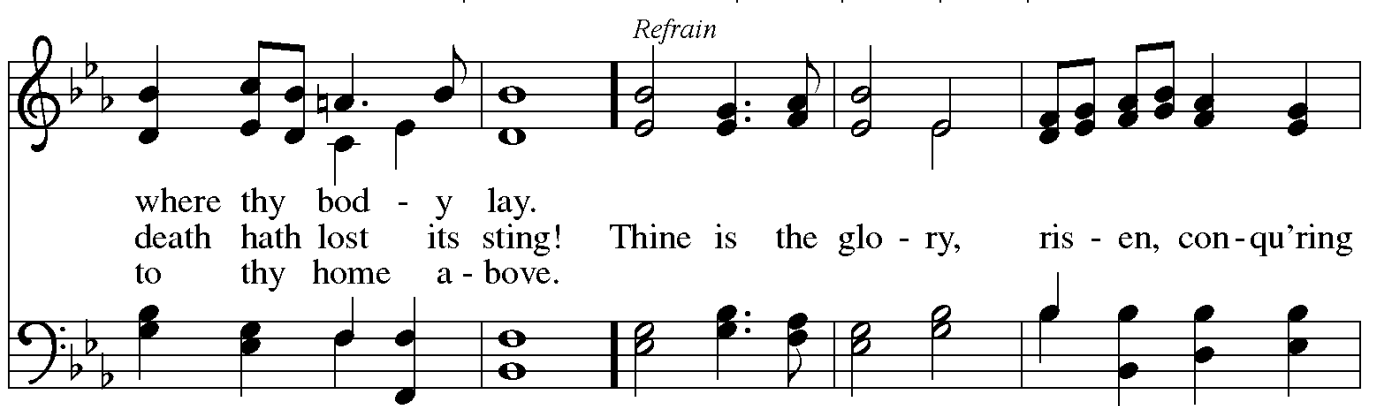
1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

The Easter Gospel according to Matthew 28:1-10

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The holy gospel according to Matthew the 28th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



Song: Thine is the Glory, Verse 2

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!
Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Sermon

Song: Thine is the Glory, Verse 3

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more that conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Communion Liturgy

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 God thanks and praise.

P Tonight we celebrate the paschal feast. We rejoice with God's people of all times and places. Together, we proclaim the great good news of Christ's resurrection to new life. And in this holy meal, we share a feast of new life, of new birth, of forgiveness for us and for all.



In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion at St. Paul's is celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all.

As you come forward for communion today, all are invited to approach the font, generously dip their hands in the water, and make the sign of the cross to remember the faithfulness of God's baptismal covenant. In these waters, you have been sealed by the power of the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available, simply request it from the assisting minister holding the wine. Children are welcome! Those who receive elsewhere may receive here. Children who do not receive may come for a blessing. If you have difficulty walking, communion will be brought to you at your seat. Please place your donation in the basket/plate provided.

Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion

P Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Benediction

P As you leave this place, when you meet anger, speak with love. When you meet fear, speak with hope. When you meet pain, speak with gentleness. But no matter what, speak this good news. For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all. It is joy that surprises, and grace that transforms. The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, so go forth speaking. For if we won't, then who will? Thanks be to God for this good, good news. And all God's children' said:

C Alleluia! Christ is risen! Amen.

Sending Hymn: ELW 365 (on the following page)

Dismissal

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord!

C Thanks be to God.



Postlude Music

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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 you 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!



Easter Flowers Were Given: In Memory Of



<i>Ruth Merrill</i>	<i>by Mary Merrill</i>
<i>Rita Zimmer</i>	<i>by Mary Merrill</i>
<i>Arthur W. Toale</i>	<i>by Toale/Blackwell/Dombrowski Family</i>
<i>John Pilato, Sr.</i>	<i>by Betty Pilato</i>
<i>Bob & Louise Lenz</i>	<i>by Dee Dee & Bill Bulleigh</i>
<i>Clophos & Jan Bulleigh</i>	<i>by Dee Dee & Bill Bulleigh</i>
<i>Bob Bulleigh</i>	<i>by Dee Dee & Bill Bulleigh</i>
<i>Dick Elliott</i>	<i>by Danielle, Matt, Erin & Tommy Crowley</i>
<i>Thomas Crowley</i>	<i>by Danielle, Matt, Erin & Tommy Crowley</i>
<i>Family & Friends</i>	<i>by Lonny & Barbara Walter</i>
<i>Those I Love: My husband, Ron</i>	<i>by Heidi Ginal: Very much missed</i>
<i>Those I Love: My Parents</i>	<i>by Heidi Ginal: Very much missed</i>
<i>Those I Love: My In-Laws</i>	<i>by Heidi Ginal: Very much missed</i>
<i>Our Loved Ones</i>	<i>by Jim & Marsha Glose</i>
<i>Hank & Mary Renken</i>	<i>by Susan Szewczyk</i>
<i>Ella Renken</i>	<i>by Susan Szewczyk</i>
<i>Kip, Ethel & Bruce Popper</i>	<i>by Mary, Judi & Dave</i>
<i>Arthur & Bernice Wolf</i>	<i>by Mary, Judi & Dave</i>
<i>Our Family & Friends</i>	<i>by Helen & Edwin Gibson</i>
<i>Jack Miller</i>	<i>by Sue Miller</i>
<i>Our Loved Ones</i>	<i>by Sharon Ries</i>
<i>My Husband Paul & Our Parents</i>	<i>by Marsha Converso</i>
<i>Norm & Eva Carlson</i>	<i>by Sonja Fernsted & Paul Rokitka</i>
<i>Friends & Family</i>	<i>by Margene & Ed Weiss</i>
<i>Friends & Family</i>	<i>by Shari & Bob Rembold</i>

In Honor Of

<i>Emily, Mya, & Sabrina</i>	<i>by Mommy/Aunt Bec</i>
<i>Lenz/Bulleigh Family</i>	<i>by Dee Dee & Bill Bulleigh</i>
<i>Jennifer, Sarah, Kai & Rosie</i>	<i>by Adrienne Leary</i>
<i>Krista & Tom Vasile's 20th Anniversary</i>	<i>by Judi Gersic</i>
<i>Our Granddaughter's 4 Month Birthday</i>	<i>by Helen & Edwin Gibson</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: April 5-12, 2026

Unless otherwise noted, all activities will take place at the Eggertsville Campus

- Sunday: Easter**
8:00 am: Easter Worship and Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt
9:30 am-1:00 pm: Western New York Church at AC
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Easter Worship and Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC
- Monday: Church Office Closed Today**
4:15 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share
5:30-9:00 pm: Straight Pepper Diet Meeting at AC
7:00-8:30 pm: Waiting in Hope
- Tuesday:** 5:00-6:30 pm: We Can No Longer Blame Others (NA)
- Wednesday:** 10:00 am: Comforters Meeting
6:30-8:30 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group at AC
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 7:15 pm: Book Club at AC
- Friday:** No Events Planned
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
5:00 pm: **NO** Worship Service at AC Today
- Sunday:** 9:00-9:45 am: Adult Forum
9:30 am-1:00 pm: Western New York Church at AC
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship and Communion (no Sunday School)
11:00 am: New Missionary Orientation
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC

***Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family:** Amy (Mary Bashore's friend); Sondra Howe; Claudia Staines; Maurice Saxton; Norma Hornung; Barbara Fisher; Cheryl Shepker; David Wieczorek; Cindy Milazzo Schwartz; Sylvia McLaughlin; Sue Epstein*

Prayer List: Shut-Ins (* indicates new names or changes added this week)

- Joyce Chace: Brookdale, 6076 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221
Neal DeLeo: Greenfield Manor, #D127, 5958 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086
Jack Gallagher: Amberleigh, 2330 Maple Road, #183, Williamsville, NY 14221
John Hornung: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031
Jan Isaacs: 6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004
Joan Maefs: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #136, East Amherst, NY 14051
Elaine Masman: Heathwood Assisted Living, 815 Hopkins, Room 251, Williamsville, NY 14221
Sylvia McLaughlin: 44 Sherwin Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150
Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14221
Charles Scofield: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #228, Williamsville, NY 14221
David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: St. Paul's has two in-person worship services: Saturday evening at 5:00 pm at the Amherst Campus, 5125 Main Street, Williamsville, 14221, and Sunday morning at 10:00 am at the Eggertsville Campus, 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, 14226. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.

Church Unleashed: If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook.

Prayer Team Ministry: Once a week you will receive an email with a list of people to pray for and specific requests for that person. We ask that you commit to praying for the names on the email. If you'd like to join us, please contact Cody at: Cody@stpaulseggertsville.com

Daily Bread Food Truck: The 2026 Monday Meal Share is underway each Monday from 4:15-5:15 pm. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, contact the office at 716-835-0407 or dailybread4007@gmail.com.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226, is associated with St. Paul's Amherst Campus, or by referral. The pantry hours for April are: Thursdays 4/2, 4/16, and 4/30 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Saturdays 4/11 and 4/25 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for April: salad dressing, coffee, tea.

Ways to Give to St. Paul's:

Options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

- ***In-Person Worship:*** Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- ***Giving by Mail:*** Please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's, 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
- ***Online:*** The St. Paul's website contains a link to Online Giving. The website is: <https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/>

QR Giving Code:



Last Week's Service Offerings: \$6,328.00

Budgeted Weekly Service Offering: \$7,488.00

NEW MISSIONARY *Orientation*

APRIL 12



Interested in becoming part of the family at St. Paul's Lutheran Church?

Join us for our New Missionary Orientation on April 12 immediately following worship.

This relaxed and welcoming gathering is a chance to learn more about the life and ministry of St. Paul's. We'll talk about our mission, and the many ways you can grow in faith, serve the community, and connect with others in the congregation.

Whether you are new to the church or have been attending for a while and are ready to take the next step, we would love to have you join us. Come discover what it means to be part of the St. Paul's community!

Please RSVP to Pastor Steve at steve@stpaulseggertsville.com by 4/6 if you are able to attend!



*+ St. Paul's Mission +
To empower others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.
We do that by: Seeking Connections, Enriching Faith, Nourishing Lives,
and Demonstrating Love in God's Name.*

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Worship Service: Sundays at 10:00 am

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Worship Service: Saturdays at 5:00 pm