



## Easter Vigil Online Worship April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021



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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0DyPtpgvHWrYdrFgWQso5A>

*This is the night of salvation! At the Vigil of Easter, we gather around fire, word, water, bread, and wine, proclaiming through story and song that ours is a God who continuously brings life out of death. On this night we experience again the heart of God's baptismal promise and the center of our faith: we are claimed and cleansed, renewed in the death and resurrection of Christ. We gather with all the saints of every time and place to celebrate the good news: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

### **Service of Light**

#### **WE NEED OUR STONE ROLLED AWAY**

Pastor: God of life,

People: **We confess the despair of our own Good Fridays and pray that you will roll our stone away. On this Easter, break through the barriers of our sin and shame and bring your resurrection presence to our troubled hearts. We need your promise of new life and the hope of conquered death. Help us to see the open doorway to the good news of our own resurrection.**

#### **GREETING**

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

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

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

Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

*The presiding minister may trace the inscription on the paschal candle, which is held by an assisting minister.*

Pastor: Christ, yesterday and today, +  
the beginning *A*  
and the ending. *Ω*  
To Christ belongs all time  
and all the ages;  
to Christ belongs glory and dominion  
now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

**THE SERVICE OF LIGHT** *The pastor processes the paschal candle in darkness to the baptismal font. The lit paschal candle symbolizes the resurrection of Christ, God's light in the darkness. This candle will burn from Easter until Ascension Day, symbolizing the 40 days of Christ's glorified presence on earth.*

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

People: **He was with God in the beginning.**

Leader: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

People: **In him was life, and that life was the light of all people.**

Leader: The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

People: **The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.**

Leader: He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

People: **He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.**

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us.

People: **We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Leader: This is the light of Christ!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### ***Service of Word***

#### **FIRST LESSON**

***Silence . . . prayer***

**Genesis 1:1-2:2**

#### **SECOND LESSON**

***Silence . . . prayer***

**Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21**

**THIRD LESSON**  
*Silence . . . prayer*

Isaiah 55:1-11

**FOURTH LESSON**  
*Silence . . . prayer*

Deuteronomy 31:19-30

***Service of Holy Communion***

**SONG OF PRAISE**

**“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”**

**WOV #671**

*Refrain*

Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord;  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
give praise to his name.

Verse 1

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
He is the king of creation. *Refrain*

Verse 2

Spread the good news o'er all the earth;  
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

Text: Donal Fishel b. 1950

Music: Donald Fishel, b. 1950; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928  
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Verse 3

We have been crucified with Christ;  
Now we shall live forever *Refrain*

Verse 4

God has proclaimed the just reward;  
Life for all people, alleluia. *Refrain*

Verse 5

Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

**PRAYER**

Pastor: Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen**

**EPISTLE LESSON *Romans 6:3-11***

<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## **GOSPEL VERSE**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

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

## **GOSPEL PRESENTATION**

### ***John 20:1-18***

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

*Rev. Matthew Groenke*

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
  
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
  
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
  
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS

Leader: Washed and renewed in the mercy of God that endures forever, we pray this night  
for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Leader: You bring us from death to life with Christ. Fill and enlighten the newly baptized  
(*especially*); enliven all the baptized so that your church may be a sign of  
resurrection in the world. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: At creation you brought forth order and life. Bring life anew to all creation: sky,  
earth, and seas; sun, moon, and stars; plants and animals. Teach us to treasure and  
defend what you have declared to be good. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: As you delivered your people, deliver all from bondage. Bring an end to war and  
brutality. Raise up leaders who listen for wisdom's voice. Cause righteousness to  
spring up among the nations. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Your power extends to the depths of the grave. Bring hope and peace to all who are in the depths of sorrow or the fires of suffering. Heal all who are sick and comfort the grieving (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: In the first light of dawn Jesus' resurrection was revealed. Guard all who keep vigil in the night: tending to the sick or ensuring public safety, working, or worrying. As they await the morning, may hope dawn upon them. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: You drew the amazed, the terrified, and the weeping to the empty tomb. Gather us with your people of all times and places to wonder at your power and rejoice in your love. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: To you, Living God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one with whom we have been raised to new life, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

People: **Amen.**

#### **WE SEE THE OPEN TOMB**

Pastor: Easter brings the best news of all...Jesus lives! Jesus died a cruel death on the cross. His body was placed in a borrowed tomb, and after three days the stone was rolled away! The tomb is open! Death is defeated! Jesus is alive! Praise God for the good news of Easter!

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

People: **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.**

## HYMN

## “Thine Is the Glory”

ELW #376

1 Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

### *Refrain*

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

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! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. *Refrain*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Pastor: What is our mission?

People: **To Shine the Light of Jesus, reflect his unconditional love, and mirror his kindness to all people. AMEN!**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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**Easter Vigil Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8 PM Drive-in Worship**

A culmination of the solemnity of Good Friday and a celebration of the Resurrection.

**Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM Drive-In Worship**

A celebration of the Resurrection at both services.

The worship of the three days concludes with a full celebration of Easter including communion.



**Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM Drive-In Worship with Holy Communion, Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call**

Pastor Matthew Groenke's last Sunday at CtK; stay after worship for an outdoor, masked, socially distanced farewell reception with light refreshments.



**EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:**

Zareh Avitsian in memory of his father, Valodiya Avitsian

Tina & Bob Coleman in memory of her parents, Ann & Bud Monnett

Lisa & Rob Doty in memory of Terry Waltermire

& in memory of Virginia McWilliams

Chris Driver in memory of Susan Penoyer

Glenn & Nancy Fasnacht in memory of Glenn's parents, Nancy's parents, and other loved ones

John & Wendy Gibbons in memory of his parents, John & Margie Gibbons

& in memory of her parents, Don & Jane Mead

Joe & Cindy Meyer in memory of Joe's parents, Joe & Mary Meyer

& in memory of Cindy's father, Dan Hoover

Sandy Molnar in memory of her parents

& in memory of her grandparents

Linda Mondry in memory of her parents

& in memory of her grandparents

Ginger & Tom Pituch in honor of their five grandchildren

Karen Reid

Janet & David Schiopota family in memory of his parents, Lynne Schiopota & Gene Schiopota

& in honor of her parents, Sandy Molnar & Geza Molnar

Stacy Sykora in memory of her mother, Carol Sykora

& in memory of her brother, Stephen Sykora

Denise Tearnay in memory of her husband Mark

Pat & Rich Wilhelms in memory of her parents, Michael & Evelyn Kalen

& in memory of his parents, Walter & Edith Wilhelms

Jane Zaremba in memory of her husband Bill, her parents, & Sam Ramirez

& in honor of her son Billy

& in honor of Diana Cerny



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