

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER



SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024



We're so glad you're here.



At Church of the Savior, our vision is to grow in "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life." We hope you sense God's presence and our warm welcome. We'd love to meet you in the foyer after the service.

--Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen

About Our Worship: We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

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Today is the Easter Vigil, the climactic service of Holy Week: we begin in darkness as we watch the new light of Easter kindled, and then we walk through the story of God's redemption, from Creation through the prophets of the Old Testament. As our longing for redemption grows, we reach the Acclamation, the moment where we joyfully proclaim the resurrection. The lights return, the black veil comes off the cross, the bells are rung: this is the moment we have been preparing for through the suffering of Lent and the sorrow of Holy Week. We continue our service with a reaffirmation of our baptismal vows and our first celebration of the Eucharist in Easter as our vigil that began in darkness now ends in the glorious light of our salvation.

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THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The service begins at the back of the sanctuary.

Please stand.

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

The Celebrant prepares the Paschal Candle, symbol of the light of Christ.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the beginning and the end, the Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to you and to you be glory and power forever. Amen.

The Paschal Candle is lit.

Celebrant: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from

our hearts and minds.

Deacon: The light of Christ. All: Thanks be to God.



The Light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

As you light your candles, please tip only the unlit candle to avoid wax drips.

THE EXSULTET

Deacon: Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Time time with you.

Deacon: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Deacon: It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning – he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

You may now extinguish your candles and be seated. Keep your candle to light again later in the service.

THE SERVICE OF LESSONS

Celebrant: Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

THE STORY OF CREATION

GENESIS 1:1-2:2

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

This is My Father's World

You may stand.

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

You may stand.

The Lamb Has Overcome

The Lamb has overcome. (2X) The battle's done And the victory is won, The Lamb has overcome!

At God's right hand is He. (2X) Our Perfect Plea, as He lives to intercede, At God's right hand is He.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Glory be unto his name. (2X)

The day is drawing near. (2X) He shall appear And will wipe away each tear. The day is drawing near.

The Lamb has overcome. (2X) The battle's done And the victory is won, The Lamb has overcome!

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Glory be unto his name. (2X)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose servant Abraham faithfully obeyed your call, and rejoiced to see the day of your Son: multiply the number of your children by the grace of the Lamb who was slain; that your church may also rejoice to see your promise to our father Abraham fulfilled; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

I Will Sing Unto the Lord

You may stand.

I will sing unto the Lord For He has triumphed gloriously, The horse and rider thrown into the sea. *Repeat*

The Lord my God, my strength and song, Has now become my victory. *Repeat*

The Lord is God, and I will praise Him, Our covenant God, and I will exalt Him. *Repeat*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

The Branch of the Lord

Matthew and Katherine Miller, Duet

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
 "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
 "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, * I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, * I will seek to do you good."

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you led your ancient people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we, who serve you now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem, where all tears are wiped away and where your saints for ever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

The First Song of Isaiah

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid, For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, And he will be my savior.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

You Alone Can Rescue

You may stand.

Who O Lord could save themselves Their own soul could heal Our shame was deeper than the sea Your grace is deeper still

And You alone can rescue You alone can save You alone can lift us from the grave You came down to find us led us out of death To You alone belongs the highest praise

You O Lord have made a way The great divide You healed For when our hearts were far away Your love went further still Yes Your love goes further still

We lift up our eyes
Lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life
We lift up our eyes
Lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your presence and protection may support us in all trials and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As you light your candles, please tip only the unlit candle to avoid wax drips.

Gathering of God's People

Solo: Sing, O daughter of Zion, shout aloud, O Israel. Rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

All:



You may extinguish your candle.

After this song, children are invited to come to the lobby through the side doors and get their banners; they will re-enter the sanctuary at the acclamation.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please observe a moment of silence.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We invite everyone to take a ribbon and join the procession.

He's Alive

He's alive He's alive He's alive and I'm forgiven Heaven's gates are open wide

Easter Song

Hear the bells ringing, they're singing That we can be born again!
Hear the bells ringing, they're singing Christ is risen from the dead!
The angel up on the tombstone said,
"He is risen just as He said.
Quickly now, go tell His disciples
That Jesus Christ is no longer dead!"

Joy to the world, He is risen, alleluia! He's risen, alleluia! He's risen, alleluia, alleluia!

Gloria



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 6:3-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

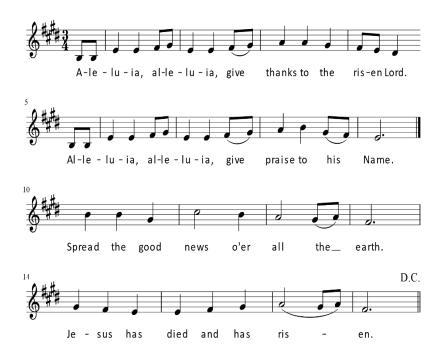
³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

 $^{^{\}rm 11}$ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

You may stand.



THE GOSPEL

MARK 16:1-8

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹ Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³ On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

⁵ When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, ⁶ but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. ⁷ Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is

going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."

⁸ The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA

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THE HOMILY



Death: Never Again Kevin Miller Rector

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

You may stand.

Celebrant: Dear friends, I call upon you, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Church.

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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 to the dead. 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.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your

neighbor as yourself? All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and

respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and

bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal

life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Please be seated.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

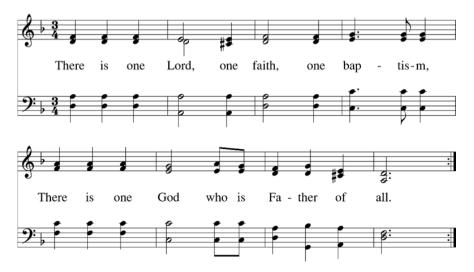
We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE ASPERGES

The ministers will sprinkle holy water on the people as a symbol of the renewal of their baptism.

There is One Lord



THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery.

THE FIRST COMMUNION OF EASTER

Please be seated.

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE OFFERTORY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee!

Mortals join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began; Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.

You may stand.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

All: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All:



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in

your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please be seated.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like to receive prayer, a prayer minister is available on the pulpit side of the sanctuary

COMMUNION SONGS

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Earth and heav'n in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done alleluia Fought the fight the battle won alleluia Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia Christ hath opened paradise alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave the skies, Alleluia!

Mighty To Save

Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me. Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior. The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again. I give my life to follow, ev'rything I believe in. Now I surrender.

Shine your light, and let the whole world see. We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus.

Shine your light, and let the whole world see. We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

Let Everything

Let ev'rything that has breath praise the Lord. Let ev'rything that has breath praise the Lord, Praise the Lord. With all of my heart, With all of my strength, With all that I have, I will sing. Let ev'rything that has breath praise the Lord.

There is a river that flows unrestrained from Your heart, Canyons of mercy so deep I could never depart.

Father, Your wonders are endless. Open my eyes to believe. Awake my soul.

Morning by morning, Your faithfulness shines like the sun. Heaven's on fire, Alive with the brilliance of love.

With thanksgiving on our lips, We enter Your courts today. All our lives we freely give. Awaken my soul to praise.

Hear Our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing, May our streets be filled with joy; May injustice bow to Jesus, As the people turn and pray.

From the mountain to the valley, Hear our praises rise to You; From the heavens to the nations, Hear our singing fill the air.

May our light shine in the darkness, As we walk before the cross; May Your glory fill the whole earth, As the water over the seas.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Children and adults are invited to come forward on the pulpit side, take a ribbon, and join a processional at this time.

Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble

Did you feel the mountains tremble? Did you hear the oceans roar When the people rose to sing of Jesus Christ, the risen One?

Did you feel the people tremble? Did you hear the singers roar When the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ, the saving One?

And we can see that, God, You're moving, A mighty river through the nations; And young and old will turn to Jesus. Fling wide, you heavenly gates; Prepare the way of the risen Lord.

Open up the doors and let the music play. Let the streets resound with singing: Songs that bring Your hope, Songs that bring Your joy, Dancers who dance upon injustice.

Do you feel the darkness tremble When all the saints join in one song, And all the streams flow as one river To wash away our brokenness?

And here we see that, God, You're moving; A time of jubilee is coming, When young and old return to Jesus. Fling wide, you heavenly gates; Prepare the way of the risen Lord.

You Are Good

Lord You are good And Your mercy endureth forever Lord You are good And Your mercy endureth forever People from every nation and tongue From generation to generation

We worship You Hallelujah hallelujah We worship You for who You are We worship You Hallelujah hallelujah We worship You for who You are For You are good

You are good all the time All the time You are good You are good all the time All the time You are good

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O Praise the Name

O praise the Name of the Lord our God O praise His Name forevermore For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn The Son of heaven rose again O trampled death where is your sting The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white The blazing sun shall pierce the night And I will rise among the saints My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and everlasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

You may be seated for announcements.

RECESSIONAL

Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
Wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness,
Protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Friday Gift: Each year during Lent, Savior collects an offering to support a local organization working with people in need in our community. This year, we are excited to support People's Resource Center (PRC). PRC offers a variety of services, including food pantries, to people in DuPage county, and this year they are building a new facility in Wheaton because they have grown out of their current building. Our gift will go towards the purchase and installation of a new walk-in cooler for the new facility, which costs approximately \$25,000. To give towards this Good Friday gift, please write "Good Friday Gift" in the memo line of your check or select the "Good Friday Gift" option from Savior's online giving page.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery & Children's Worship: We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship rooms. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

Youth: Future dates: April 6th and 20th.

EASTERTIDE SERMON SERIES

Organic Outreach

April 6: Linda Richardson April 13: Bishop Brian Wallace

April 20: Karen Miller April 27: Kevin Miller May 4: Kevin Miller

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Have a question about your donation? Or about something in the budget? Email our bookkeeper, Jean Ann Parker: jeanann@friendsofthesavior.org

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OUR EASTER JOY CONTINUES!

We'll hear the Gospel account of the first Easter, sing favorite Easter songs, and celebrate the Eucharist with one another. Then, we'll enjoy a continental breakfast, activities for kids, and above all a chance to be with one another, enjoying community and thanking God for all he has done among us during Holy Week.

There is no formal Children's Worship or Nursery care; we, we invite all children to parcitipate with their families in the Easter celebration!

Tomorrow: Sunday, March 31, 2024 10:30am

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Enter the main entrance on the west side of the building; there will be a sign and greeters to direct you.

