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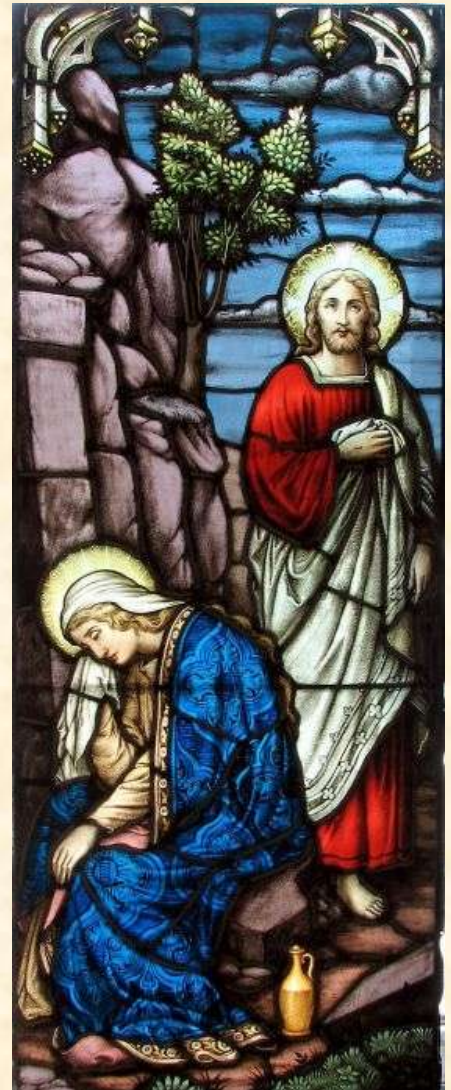
The Easter Vigil

7 PM Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021

Warm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

The Easter Vigil is one of the most important liturgies of the church year. In a magnificent way the Church expresses liturgically the meaning of her Lord's Pasch, his Passover. Our Lord's passage from death to life is the fulfillment of Israel's passage from bondage to freedom. The Vigil is also the celebration of our own passage through the waters of Holy Baptism. Finally, the Eucharist is a testimony to the coming greater celebration of life at the Messianic Banquet before the throne of God.

This is a spoken liturgy, during these pandemic days. We are grateful to Music Director Gwendolyn Toth for playing the organ for us, but we will have to wait a while



before we can sing the liturgy. We can still hear our beautiful Immanuel Choir this evening, but it is via recordings they recently did for us. We hope you will find strength for your souls in this spoken liturgy.

The liturgy starts outdoors, weather permitting. You should be able to *hear* that beginning part, including the blessing of the fire and the inscribing of the paschal candle, but you will not be able to *see* it. Our live streaming equipment is rather humble, and it is not portable enough to take it outdoors. You should be able to catch up with the visual part of this great liturgy when we process into our darkened church.

The Vigil liturgy consists of four parts: The Service of Light, The Service of Readings, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, and the First Eucharist of the Resurrection:

The Service of Light

At the start of the liturgy, we gather around the front steps of the church, weather permitting. Here the paschal candle will be lighted and we will follow the candle into the darkened church for the Service of Bible readings. As the paschal candle is carried in solemn procession, so Christ leads us out of the slavery of sin into the freedom of the children of God. Joy in Christ, as the light, the life, and the freedom of redeemed humanity, bursts forth in the great Easter Proclamation.

The Service of Readings

In our near-dark church, we hear a series of readings recounting God's mighty acts on behalf of his people from the beginning of creation. This includes the sweep of salvation history, recalling the redemption of a world spoiled by the fall of humanity. Between the readings, various canticles and prayers enhance our meditation.

Holy Baptism

In the ancient Church, this liturgy was the supreme moment for the Baptism of new converts into the Church. It marked the culmination of their studies, repentance, fasting, and prayer for their new life in the Church. In this evening's service, we receive Brigid Mehegan and her son Noah into membership here at Immanuel, and we all renew our own Baptisms.

The First Eucharist of the Resurrection

The Service comes to its climax with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The church bells, which have been silent since Thursday, peal out the joyous news of the Resurrection, and we stand to sing "Gloria in Excelsis" and celebrate the Holy Meal

made ours through Christ's death and resurrection. No other Eucharist of the Church year is more significant than this first Easter Eucharist, for it is the solemn anniversary celebration of Christ's Passover from death to resurrection.

We are honored and very pleased that you are here and hope that you will return. If you do not already have a church home, please think of us. Give me a call sometime (212-289-8128) or send me an email (gpfryer@gmail.com). God be with you this Holy Week and always.

In Christ,



Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

The Service of Light

The congregation gathers on the sidewalk in front of the church, weather permitting. Each person is given a candle.

THE BLESSING OF THE FIRE

☐ 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 Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray: Father, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light. Bless ✠ this new fire, and grant that in this paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

THE PASCHAL CANDLE

A great candle, the paschal candle, is prepared by tracing on it the Sign of the Cross, the letters Alpha and Omega, and the numerals of the year. The minister says:

P Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to him, and all the ages. To him be glory and dominion, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Five incense studs, representing the five wounds of Christ are now inserted into the candle in the form of a cross as the minister says:

P By his wounds holy, by his wounds glorious, may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us.

C Amen.

The minister now lights the candle from the fire.

P The light of Christ, who rises this night in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Bless † we pray, O God, this lighted candle and those upon whom it may shine, that all who this night shall be partakers of your Holy Mysteries may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction; that as we were once darkness but are now light in the Lord, we may walk as children of light; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

PROCESSION TO THE FONT (*with spoken Easter Proclamation*)

The procession forms and moves into the church, where we gather around the Baptismal Font. The order of procession is: Deacon with paschal candle, ministers, and people. Three times the Deacon will stop and speak of the light:

D The Light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

In the midst of the sanctuary the Deacon stops a second time:

D The Light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

Having arrived before the altar, the Deacon turns to face the congregation, and, when all have reached their places, lifts the candle high and proclaims a third time:

☩ The Light of Christ.

☩ **Thanks be to God!**

The people gather around the font and light their candles, with light from the paschal candle spreading out over the congregation, passing from neighbor to neighbor. Try to not tip lighted candles. All hold the candles throughout the Easter Proclamation. The people remain standing.

The Easter Proclamation

Rejoice, now, all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and, for the victory of so great a king, sound the trumpet of salvation.

Exult, also, O earth, enlightened with such radiance; and made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished from all the world.

Be glad also, O mother Church, clothed with the brightness of such a light, and let this house resound with the triumphant voices of the peoples.

Wherefore, dearly beloved, who stand in the clarity of this bright and holy light, join with me, I ask you, in praising the lovingkindness of almighty God; through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and rules with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ **And also with you.**

☩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

For this indeed is the Paschal Feast in which the true Lamb is slain, by whose blood the doorposts of the faithful are made holy. This is the night in which, in ancient times, you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel, from the land of Egypt; and led them, dry-shod through the Red Sea.

This, indeed, is the night in which the darkness of sin has been purged away by the rising brightness. This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace, and are restored to holiness.

This is the night in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph. For it would have profited us nothing to be born had we not also been redeemed. Oh, how wonderful the condescension of your lovingkindness! Oh, how inestimable the goodness of your love, that to redeem a slave you delivered up your Son!

O necessary sin of Adam that is wiped away by the death of Christ! O happy fault that was worthy to have so great a Redeemer! O night truly blessed which alone was worthy to know the time and the hour wherein Christ arose again from hell!

This is the night of which it is written: "and the night is as clear as the day"; and, "then shall my night be turned into day." The holiness of this night puts to flight the deeds of wickedness; washes away sin; restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn; casts out hate; brings peace; and humbles earthly pride.

Therefore, in this night of grace, receive, O holy Father, this evening sacrifice of praise; which the Church lays before you in the solemn offering of the candle.

We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, the brightness of which is not diminished, even when its light is divided and borrowed. For it is fed by the melting wax which the bees, your servants, have made for the substance of this candle.

O night truly blessed in which heaven and earth are joined things human and things divine.

We, therefore, pray to you, O Lord, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will continue to vanquish the darkness of this night and be mingled with the lights of heaven. May he who is the morning star find it burning - that morning star which never sets, that morning star which, rising again from the grave, faithfully sheds light on all the human race.

And we pray, O Lord, rule, govern, and preserve with your continual protection your whole Church, giving us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing; through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Then the people go to their pews, extinguish their candles, and sit for the Service of Readings.

The Service of Readings

☐ Dear friends in Christ: we have begun our solemn Vigil. Let us now listen attentively to the Word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history, and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer. Through this Easter celebration may God bring to perfection the saving work he has begun in us.

FIRST LESSONGenesis 1:1 – 2:2, KJV

Silence for reflection.

PSALM 100, LBW (*To be read responsively*)

¹Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;

serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

²**Know this: The LORD himself is God;**

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

³Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and call upon his name.

⁴**For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;**

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

☐ Let us pray. Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of him who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

SECOND LESSONGenesis 22:1-18, RSV

Silence for reflection.

☐ Let us pray. God and Father of all the faithful, you promised Abraham that he would become the father of all nations, and through this paschal mystery you increase your chosen people throughout the world. Help us respond to your call by joyfully accepting the new life of grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

THIRD LESSON Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21, RSV

Silence for reflection.

Cantemus Domino: Song of Moses and Miriam — To be read responsively.

I will sing to the Lord for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea.

**The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has been my Savior.**

This is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

**Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.**

Who among the gods is like you, O Lord?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

**In your mercy you led forth the people you set free;
you guided them in your strength to your holy habitation.**

You will bring them in and plant them
on the mount that is your possession,

**The place, O Lord, you have made for your dwelling,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have prepared.**

The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

Silence for reflection.

☐ Let us pray. O God, whose 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 of all nations by the water of
Baptism. Grant that all the peoples of earth may partake in the salvation of the
Israelites and together rejoice on the safe side of the sea, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen**

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 55:1-11, RSV

Silence for reflection.

☐ 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
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIFTH LESSON.....Ezekiel 37:1-14, RSV

Silence for reflection.

☐ Let us pray. O God, by the Passover of the Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. 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**

SIXTH LESSONJonah 1:1 – 2:1, RSV

Silence for reflection.

☐ Let us pray. O God of deliverance, you saved Jonah through the waters of death, and after three days you brought him to new life. You have united all nations in the confession of your name. Now give us the will and the power to do what you command, that the faith of the people whom you call to everlasting life may direct their speech and actions; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen**

SEVENTH LESSON Daniel 3:1-29, RSV

Silence for reflection.

Benedicite (To be read responsively)

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;
Praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;
Praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord;
O ye waters that be above the firmament bless ye the Lord;
O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;
Praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord;
O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord;
O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord;
Praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye winds of God, bless ye the Lord;
O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord;
O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord;

Praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the Lord;
O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord;
O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord;

Praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord;
O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord;
O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord;

Praise him and magnify him forever.

O let the earth bless ye the Lord;
O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord;

Praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye wells, bless ye the Lord;
O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord;
O ye whales and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord;

Praise him and magnify him forever.

O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord;
O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord;

Praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye people of God, bless ye the Lord;
O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;
O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;

Praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord;
O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.
Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;

Praise him and magnify him forever.

Reception of Two New Members And Congregational Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Those being received join Pastor Fryer at the Communion rail, facing the congregation.

INTRODUCTIONS

P Our service continues with the reception of Brigid Mehegan and her son Noah into membership here at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

PASTORAL ADDRESS

P Dear Brigid and Noah, in Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You are gathered here before God and this Christian congregation publicly to make profession of your faith in the Triune God and to confirm your covenant with Him, to dedicate yourselves body and soul for time and for eternity to your God and Lord. Lift up your heart with me, therefore, to the God of all grace, and cheerfully give answer to what I now shall ask you.

P Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation, confirm the solemn covenant which at your Baptism you made with the Triune God?

R *I do.*

P Do you, then, renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R *I do.*

THE CREED *Congregation stands and joins the candidates in the Creed*

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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

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

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PROMISES TO CONTINUE IN THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH

P Brigid and Noah, do you intend to continue steadfast in the confession of the Church, and suffer all rather than fall away from it?

R *I do so intend, with the help of God.*

P Finally, do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the rule of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live among God's faithful people in the Church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace, to witness to the good news of God in Christ, to walk as becomes the Gospel of Christ, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to the Triune God, even unto death?

R *I do so intend, by the grace of God.*

P Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made Brigid and Noah your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: 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; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The minister gives the membership certificates and stewardship envelopes to Brigid and Noah. They return to their pew.

The service continues with the Congregational Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

P Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, 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 catholic church.

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

C **I will, with God's help.**

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

C **I will, with God's help.**

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

C **I will, with God's help.**

A Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

C **I will, with God's help.**

P Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

C **I will, with God's help.**

A 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.

C **Amen.**

The people now form a line and move to the font and are signed with water. There are two stations, with the Presiding Minister at one and the Assisting Minister at the other.

ANTHEM

Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1526-1594)

Immanuel Choir

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes
aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*As the deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.*

P Receive the mark of the water in the sign of the Cross.

A Remember that in Baptism you have been buried with Christ and are risen with Him again.

PROCESSION OUTDOORS

After being signed with the baptismal water, please head outdoors until all are signed.

Weather permitting, we gather on the sidewalk, facing the church steps, while the Chancel is prepared for the joyous first celebration of the Easter Eucharist.

DEACON'S LITANY (*Spoken*)

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying "Lord, have mercy."

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Bishop Daniel, for all servants of the Church, and for all the members of this parish, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and for all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For refugees and for casualties of war, for the sick and for those recovering from surgery, and for our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, sickness, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Concluding as follows:

☐ For those who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

☐ Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.

Silence

☐ *(Spoken)* For you are a merciful God and the lover of all humanity, and unto you do we ascribe majesty and glory, O Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and throughout everlasting ages.

☑ **Amen.**

The First Eucharist of Easter

Lutheran Book of Worship

The church bells begin to ring, the lights go up, and the exultant Easter colors are unveiled in the chancel. The Presiding Minister speaks forth the first Easter acclamation, from the rear of the church nave. The ministers lead the procession into the church.

☐ Christ is risen! Alleluia!

☑ **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

☑ **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray: O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed in both body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

EPISTLE READING Romans 6:3-11 (NRSV)

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

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:1-18, RSV

Before the Gospel:

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So 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." ³Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. ⁴They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; ⁵and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did

not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, ⁷and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had

lain, one at the head and one at the feet.

¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

¹⁴Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

After the Gospel:

P The Gospel of the Lord!

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *A reading from a patristic sermon.*

At the start of the sermon, the minister says:

P Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

At the end of the sermon, the minister repeats:

P Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C And also with you.

The people then greet one another in the name of the Risen Lord: "Peace be with you."

THE OFFERING *You may leave your money offerings in the alms boxes which are at the end of the center aisle as you exit past the rearmost pew, and also in front of the stairwell door which leads to the Lexington Avenue exit. If you are worshiping from home, you may use these links to give your tithes and offerings:*

Donate now: [Donate](#)

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Anthem

Salvation Is Created
Immanuel Choir

Pavel Chesnokov (1877-1944)

Salvation is created,
in midst of the earth,
O God, O our God.
Alleluia.

A Blessed are you,

C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*spoken*)

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 him thanks and praise.**

Preface for Easter Sunday

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer II

P You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love

that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

☐ Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of our Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

☐ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

☩ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

☐ Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**☩ Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

☩ 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

The Fraction. The host is broken. Then is said:

☩ Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

☩ Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Agnus Dei

☩ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution of the Sacrament

✝ If you are home during this pandemic, worshiping online with us, here is a possible "Prayer for Spiritual Communion" lifted up in a recent *Forum Letter* (May 2020). *Forum Letter* is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Anthem

Ave, verum corpus natum
de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum,
in mortis examine.
O dulcis, o pie,
o Jesu, fili Mariae,
miserere mei.

Ave Verum

Hail the true body, born
of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were
sacrificed on the cross
for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.
O sweet, O gentle,
O Jesu, son of Mary,
have mercy on me.

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our risen savior, Jesus Christ, and you have nourished us with 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.

C Amen.

The Sending

SOLEMN BLESSING

P May Almighty God bless you on the solemn feast of Easter, and may he protect you against all sin.

C Amen.

P Through the resurrection of his Son, God has granted us healing. May he fulfill his promises, and bless you with eternal life.

C Amen.

P You have mourned for Christ's sufferings; now you celebrate the joys of his resurrection. May you come with joy to the feast which lasts forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

D Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Dialogue Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738)

Welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church as we celebrate the Queen of Feasts! We acclaim the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst as he comes to us in Word and Sacrament. If you are visiting with us we extend a special welcome and invite you to return. You are always welcome at Immanuel Church!

† Thank you! We say it again: Thank you to the ushers, greeters, presenters, liturgical planners, and to everyone who helped prepare and lead this liturgy!

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- ✦ FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Edna Szmodis, Britney Berhaman, Marion Nitsch (mother of David Kiehl’s friend Carolina Nitsch), Vera Harwell (godmother of Denise Du’Maine), Raymond Chin (cousin of Priscilla O’Carroll), Marion Molno, Emma Kaefer
- ✦ IN CONTINUING NEED OF PRAYER: Melissa Alke (friend of Kathy Jolowicz), John Romano (brother-in-law to Richard and Maggie Schreiber), Robert Mallery (son-in-law of David Kiehl’s sister), Wolfgang Hahn, Yoleidy Perez (Tamares’s brother), Obdulia Mundo (friend of Maggie Schreiber), Mary Ann Grant (Deirdre’s mother)
- ✦ FAITHFUL DEPARTED Camille Volpe Arena
Bereaved..... Kenda Ward, friend since childhood

Service Notes

Director of Music/OrganistDr. Gwendolyn Toth
 Readers..... Domingo Quilems, Seminarian Lara Bhasin, Davida Goldman,
 Richard Schreiber, Margarita Schreiber, Rev. Gregory P. Fryer, Rev. Carol A. Fryer,
 Presiding Minister Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
 Assisting Minister and Reader of the Patristic Sermon..... Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

Welcome back, Easter Sunday Morning

We warmly invite you to the Festival Easter Eucharist tomorrow morning at 11 a.m. The whole service is the church’s way of proclaiming in sermon, song, and sacrament of proclaiming, “Christ is risen! Alleluia!”