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April 3, 2021 Saturday Easter Vigal Worship Service 7 PM

Evening Prayer with Communion

We are on Zoom and have established an 800 number for those who wish to use their phone to connect and not be charged long distance. Our weekly invitation link can also be used by Wi-Fi connection. The Zoom computer connection or 800 number is a good way for you to have our service available to you and your family and friends. **1(888) 788-0099** is the free 800 phone number . For Easter Sunday worship the meeting ID is 886 7604 5376, no personal ID is required. Just hit the # sign when asked for personal ID. If you have a smart phone you can enter with video connection or not. If you do not get in please call 385-234-1931 before 10 AM and I will try to help you connect.

**The easiest way** to come on Zoom by computer or smart phone is to have an invitation email with a link. You will need to send your email address to me or Susan, so we can send out an invitation with a link to our meeting. If you notice someone missing from the email addresses in your email or want to invite someone you know, either forward this to them or send an email to Susan Roberts or Pastor Hank so we can include them in our ongoing email invitations if they desire.

**We are privileged and commanded by God to worship Him. Worship is the highest art form and good work that humans can do before and with God. Worship brings us into God's presence, where we first confess our sins and receive His forgiveness to enter His presence as well as receive His blessings for life now and in eternity. Worship establishes and maintains eternal fellowship with God. Worship is not an entertainment activity. Do not sit back and watch; true worship requires your active participation. Even while muted, sing the hymns and speak the responses, prayers and confessions.**

**Using Zoom:** Because of the second to second and a half lag-time between you and the source of the music or leading voice, unison participation requires us to mute our mic or phone if feature available, or cover the mouth piece. **Only one voice should be heard responding to avoid confusion.** Our joyful noise is certainly heard by our Lord, but it is distracting to our worship concentration and then added to the lag time we become like the Tower of Babbble. Remember, worship is not worship unless you are involved in the worship acts, so don't just watch, -- join in, listen and participate. Sing muted.

You will have opportunity to speak to and greet each other both before and after worship. The actual worship will start at 10 AM, but we will establish our meeting for you to connect at or after 9:45 AM. You will come into the waiting room and be brought in by the host or co-host ASAP. Your wait time will be very short. Please join us.

We are opening the Church up for normal in house worship. We need to social distance and wear a mask, but you are encouraged to come and worship. The Lord's Supper is offered at the end of every worship service. Our plan is also to continue to offer the zoom service even when back to normal. Please use the front door of the church to enter and exit. We will continue to isolate our school from the church for the time being.

**April 3, 2021 Easter Vigil 7 PM**  
Join Zoom Meeting  
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**GREETING:  
SERVICE OF LIGHT**

*( 1. The congregation gathers in the front of the church outside. All are given candles, shortly to be lighted from the paschal candle. )*

*( 2. In the semidarkness a fire is kindled. The pastor says:)*

**Invocation:**

*P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen**

*(3. The pastor continues with :)*

*P: Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His sacraments, we share in His victory over death.*

*P: Let us pray. O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who here keep this joyful Easter Vigil, that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

*(4. The assistant, holding the paschal candle, steps forward. The pastor traces the cross and the Greek letters Alpha and Omega upon it saying:)*

*P: Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and Omega.*

*( 5. He traces the year upon the candle, saying: )*

*P: His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.*

*(6. He puts the five wax nails into the candle, saying: )*

*P: By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen*

*( 7. Then, lighting the candle from the newly kindled fire, he say: )*

*P: May the light of Christ, Who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.*

*P: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this night in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**C: Amen**

*( 8. All light their candles from the paschal candle. Then, the paschal candle held aloft by the assisting minister, all follow the candle bearer in procession into the darkened church. )*

*( 9. As the procession is begun, the bearer of the paschal candle stops and says: )*

**A:** *The light of Christ.*

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*(10. As the procession is halfway to the altar, the candle bearer chants for the second time:)*

**A:** *The light of Christ*

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*(11. When the candle bearer arrives before the altar, he turns to face the congregation. The pastor and other assisting ministers/Elders proceed to the baptismal font. When all have reached their places, the candle bearer lifts the candle high and chants the third time:)*

**A:** *The light of Christ.*

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*(12. After placing the paschal candle in its stand, the assisting minister moves to the baptismal font, turns to face the people, and begins to chant the Easter Proclamation:)*

**A:** *Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of the light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.*

**P:** *The Lord be with you*

**C:** **And with your spirit.**

**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 good and right so to do.**

**P:** *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, with all our heart and mind and voice, praise You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty everlasting God, and Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. For He is the very Paschal Lamb Who offered Himself for the sins of the world. He has cleansed us by the shedding of His precious blood.*

*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 ground.*

*This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality.*

*This is the night when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of night.*

*Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave You gave Your Son.*

*How holy is this night when all wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away.*

*How holy is this night when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast.*

*How blessed is this night when man is reconciled to God in Christ.*

*Holy Father, accept now the evening sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise. Let Christ, the true light and morning star, shine in our hearts,*

*He who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen**

*(14. The members of the congregation extinguish their candles. A few lights in the nave may be turned on.)*

*(15: The assisting minister goes to a lectern, while the Pastor says:)*

*P: In this most holy night our Savior, Christ, the Lord, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His Word. The Sun of righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.*

**C: Amen!**

### **HYMN 456 “ Were You There”**

3. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
4. Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh.. Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

### **PSALMODY Ps. 141 \_\_\_\_\_ pg. 245**

**C: Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

*P: O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to You.*

**C: Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

*P: Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.*

**C: Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.**

*P: But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

*(16. The assisting minister/elder reads assigned texts. Each reading is followed by a brief silence for reflection on God’s Word. The pastor reads the appointed Collect. The congregation may sit throughout or may stand or kneel for each collect.)*

OT Readings & Prayers Genesis 1:1-2 & 1:31- 2:3

<sup>1:1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep, And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters...<sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And it was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. <sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation.

*P: Let us pray: Almighty God, you most wonderfully created human nature and yet more wonderfully redeemed it. Grant that in Your mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him Who came to share our humanity, Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**C: Amen**

### **OT Reading Genesis 9:8-13**

**A:** <sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> “Behold, I establish My covenant with you and your offspring after you. <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup> And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

*P: Let us pray: O Lord, whose wrath burned because of the evil of men, You kill and bring again to life according to Your own purpose; You brought the flood on a wicked and perverse generation, yet saved faithful Noah and his family. Open Your eyes to behold in mercy Your Church that in it Your work of mercy may come to its fullness and that the ends of the earth may know Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**C: Amen**

### **Genesis 22:9-18**

**A:** <sup>9</sup> When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup> He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”...<sup>15</sup> And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup> and said, “By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withhold your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gates of his enemies. <sup>18</sup> and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

**P:** Let us pray, O God, You promised to faithful Abraham that he would be the father of many peoples, and in the Easter Sacrament of Holy Baptism you raised up for yourself one people. Grant to Your Church a hearty trust in all Your promises; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

### **Exodus 14:10-15:1**

**A:** <sup>10</sup> When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup> They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup> Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’” <sup>13</sup> And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of

the LORD, which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today; you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

<sup>15</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward.

<sup>16</sup> Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup> And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup> And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.” <sup>19</sup> Then the angel of God, who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup> coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out His hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup> And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup> clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.” <sup>26</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” <sup>27</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup> The waters returned and covered the chariots and horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup> But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>30</sup> Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

*P: Let us pray: O God, You once delivered Your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them in safety through the Red Sea, thereby giving us a picture of our Baptism. Grant that we may ever be faithful to Your baptismal promise, live in its grace, and show forth to all people Your desire that all should be made the children of Abraham; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**C: Amen**

**Hymn: LSB 537 “Beautiful Savior”**

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I’d love Thee,  
Truly I’d serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration Now and forever more be Thine!

**Dramatic Reading: “Time Following the Crucifixion”**

*L: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,*

**C: the Light no darkness can overcome.**

*L: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,*

**C: and the day is almost over.**

*L: Let Your light scatter the darkness*

**C: and illumine Your Church.**

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*L: Joyous light of glory:*

**C: of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.**

**We have come to the setting of the sun,**

**and we look to the evening light.**

**We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:**

**You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.**

**O Son of God, o Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.**

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*L: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe,*

*Who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.*

*Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;*

*May His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;*

*For You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we,*

*Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

### **OFFICE HYMN LSB 420 “Christ, the Life of All the Living”**

1. Christ the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe, Who, Thy-self for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe; Though Thy sufferings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be Dearest Jesus unto Thee.
2. Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently, Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me; Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
3. Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore, For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore. Thank Thee for Thy groaning sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying. For that last triumphant cry And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

### **(Offering Given in Thanksgiving)**

(As you are blessed so also you are privileged to contribute to Christ’s ministry by sending your offering in support of Your shared ministry at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 475 East Herbert Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84111) *In the House of the Lord, the Offering is taken for the partnership with God in His ministry in our community and through this congregation. To participate, you will need to send it to the address above or use the PayPal app on our website. [stjohnslutheranslc.org](http://stjohnslutheranslc.org) or come to worship at St. John’s. (social distancing and masks required).*

### **Prayer Hymn LSB 887 “Now the Light Has Gone Away”**

1. Jesus, Savior, wash away All that has been wrong today; Help me ev’ry day to be Good and gentle, more like Thee.
2. Now my evening praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live. All my blessings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!

3. Thou, my best and kindest Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end. Let me love Thee more and more, Always better than before.

### **Litany**

*P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: 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:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For this holy house and for all who offer here present and online their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For President Harrison and President Schlechte, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For President Biden, for all 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:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For our Elderly, infirmed, recovering from surgery and illness, for those suffering from fear and isolation and for our preschool staff, students, and parents; let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For continued support of our mission and ministries, leaders and people of Akobo, South Sudan; let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: To You, O Lord.**

**P:** *On this holiest of nights the whole Church of our LORD Jesus Christ recalls His death and burial, rejoicing with great joy in the Gospel of His glorious and mighty resurrection for the dead. The apostle Paul says: “[Do you not know] that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, that we should no*

*longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we die with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive in God in Christ Jesus.”*

**P:** Jesus Christ is Risen!

**C: He is Risen Indeed Alleluia!**

### **Lord’s Prayer**

*P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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

### **Benediction**

*P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.*

**C:** Amen

### **Closing Hymn LSB 490 “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won!”**

1. Jesus Lives! The vict’ry’s won! Death no longer can appall me; Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done!  
From the grave will Christ recall me. Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
4. Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever. Neither death nor pow’rs of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever. God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.
5. Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal; This shall calm my trembling breath  
When I pass its gloomy portal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

**P:** Go live in your baptismal covenant for Jesus Christ is Risen!

**C: He is Riven indeed, Alleluia!**