

The Vigil of Easter  
Lutheran Chapel  
Saturday, April 11, 2020  
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**Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

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

**P:** Let us pray.

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ You have given the light of life to all the world.  
Bless this new fire.     *Pastor traces the inscriptions on the Paschal Candle.*

Christ, yesterday and today,     *Sign of the cross traced on candle.*

The beginning and the ending.     *Greek letters Alpha and Omega traced on the candle.*

To Christ belongs all time.     *First numeral for the year is traced on candle.*

And all the ages;     *Second numeral for the year is traced on candle.*

To Christ belongs glory and dominion     *Third numeral for the year is traced on candle.*

Now and forever.     *Fourth numeral for the year is traced on candle.*

**C: Amen.**     *Pastor lights the Paschal Candle.*

**P:** The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

## Procession

*Assisting minister lifts the Paschal Candle so that all may see it.*

*The procession into the sanctuary begins, led by the assisting minister bearing the Paschal Candle.*

*As the procession begins, the assisting minister sings and congregation sings in response:*

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

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

*The procession continues, stopping at midpoint. Assisting minister lifts the Paschal Candle and sings on a higher tone:*

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

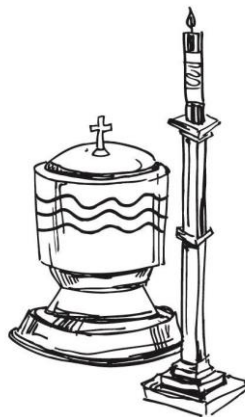
**C: Thanks be | to God.**

*The procession continues. The assisting minister takes the Paschal Candle to its stand, lifts it high, and sings on a still higher tone:*

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

**C: Thanks be | to God.**     *The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

*The nave is very dimly illuminated representing the darkness of a fallen humanity and the darkness of Jesus' tomb from which unseen He rose to life forever.*



# Easter Proclamation

*Leader:*

Rejoice, now, all heav'ly powers!  
Sing, choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne!



*Leader:*

Celebrate with exultation;  
and sound the trumpet of salvation,  
Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,  
radiant in the brightness of your King!  
Jesus Christ is risen!

**Congregation:**

Jesus Christ is risen!

*Leader:*

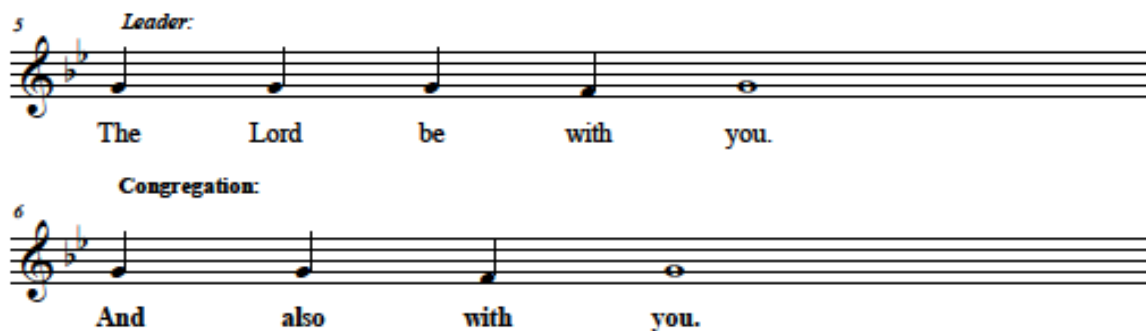
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!  
Darkness vanishes forever.  
Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory!  
The risen Savior shines upon you!  
Jesus Christ is risen!

**Congregation:**


Jesus Christ is risen!

*Leader:*

Let the place resound with joy,  
echoing the mighty song of all God's people.




*Leader:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*2 Congregation:*



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Leader:*  
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....

*Periodically through the Proclamation, the congregation is invited to repeat this acclamation after the leader.*

*3 Leader:*



This is the night,

*Congregation:*




this is the night,

*The proclamation ends:*

*Leader:*  
...lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*5 Leader:*




A - men.

*Congregation:*




A - men.

*Leader:*



A - men.

*Congregation:*



A - men.

*Assembly Required: Service Music for Choir and Assembly, Set 2*  
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## Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray together.      *A brief silence is kept.*

**Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew Your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship You in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Word

First reading      Genesis 1: 1-2:4a  
Creation

*The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the beginning of life for us all. Just as the creator God forms the earth out of chaotic waters and shines light onto primeval darkness, so the resurrection of Christ pulls us from death through baptism into fruitful life with all the good earth and enlightens our life in Christ.*

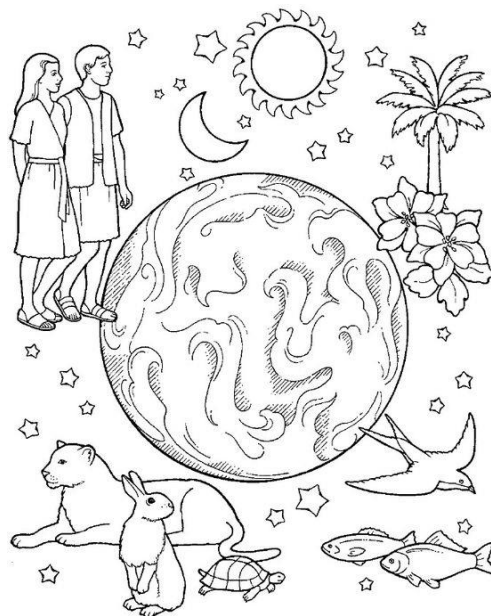
<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. <sup>2</sup> And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. <sup>6</sup> And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. <sup>7</sup> And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. <sup>8</sup> And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. <sup>9</sup> And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. <sup>10</sup> And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called He Seas: and God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. <sup>12</sup> And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And the evening and the morning were the third day. <sup>14</sup> And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: <sup>15</sup> And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. <sup>16</sup> And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. <sup>17</sup> And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. <sup>20</sup> And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. <sup>21</sup> And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl

multiply in the earth. <sup>23</sup> And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. <sup>25</sup> And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup> And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. <sup>29</sup> And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. <sup>31</sup> And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. <sup>3</sup> And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made. <sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



**The Creation**  
*God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good (Genesis 1:31).*

## Response to the word:

### Many and Great, O God ELW 837

Joseph R. Renville, 1179-1846  
para. Philip Frazier, 1892-1964, alt.

*Wakantanka taku nitawa*

Lac Qui Parle  
Dakota tune;  
arr. Songs of the People, 1986

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system includes two verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the piece with a double bar line.

1. Man - y and great, O God, are Your works, mak - er of  
2. Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with You, O Star - a -

earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;  
bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;

Your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at Your  
with You are found the gifts of life. Bless us with

Word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey Your voice.  
life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with You.



## Second Reading Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

### Deliverance at the Red Sea

*In this archetypal story, God vanquishes evil and liberates the oppressed. By the resurrection, God liberates us from slavery to sin and brings us through the waters of baptism to safety.*

<sup>10</sup> And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.

<sup>11</sup> And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup> Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. <sup>15</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: <sup>16</sup> But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. <sup>17</sup> And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. <sup>18</sup> And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. <sup>19</sup> And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: <sup>20</sup> And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night. <sup>21</sup> And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

<sup>23</sup> And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup> And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, <sup>25</sup> And took off their chariot wheels, that they drove them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

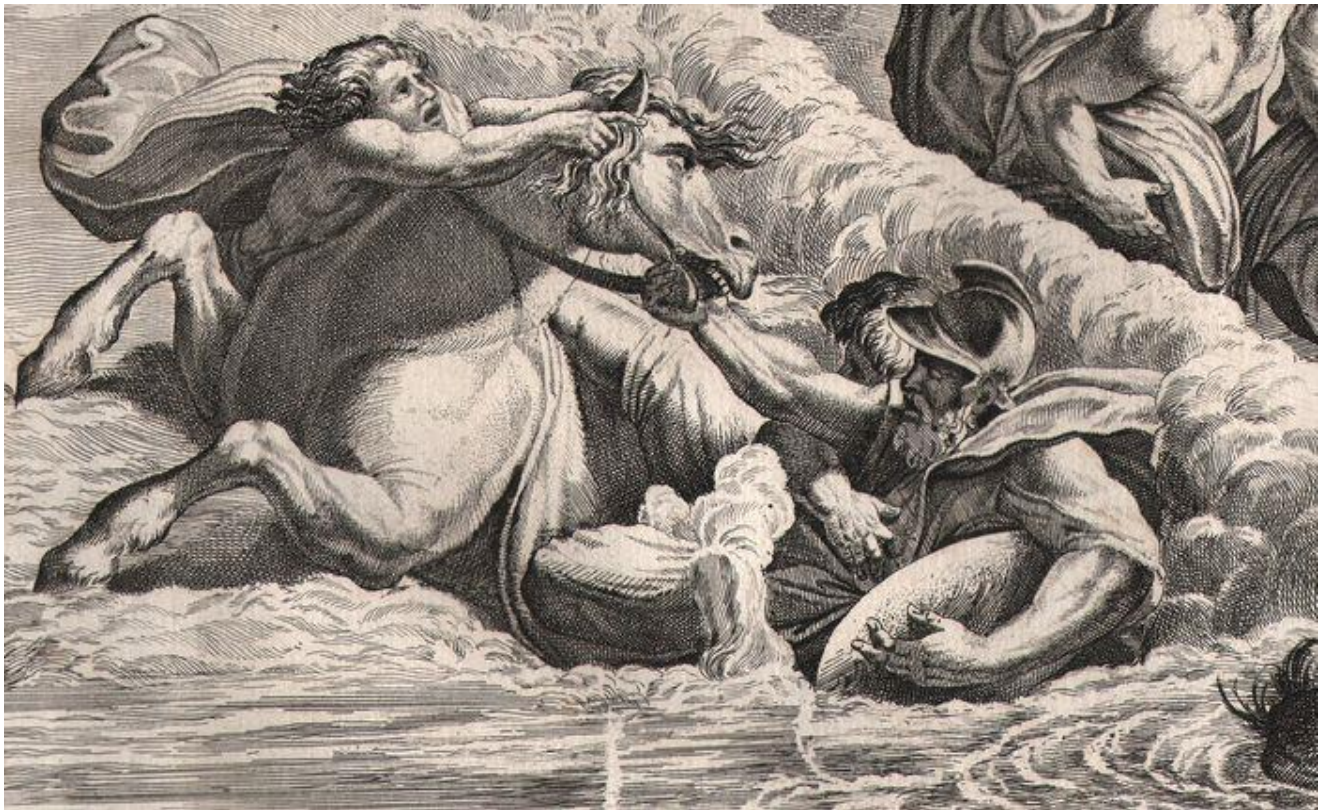
<sup>26</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. <sup>27</sup> And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup> And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. <sup>29</sup> But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

<sup>30</sup> Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. <sup>31</sup> And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

<sup>20</sup> And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. <sup>21</sup> And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Response to the Word:

Exodus 15

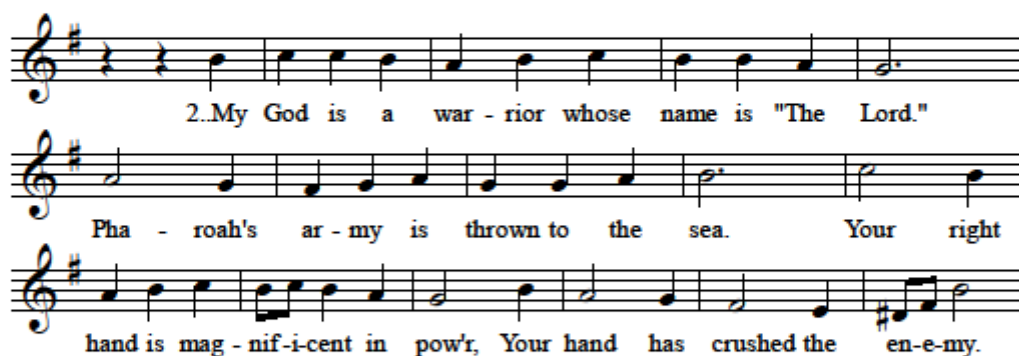
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# Song At the Sea Exodus 15

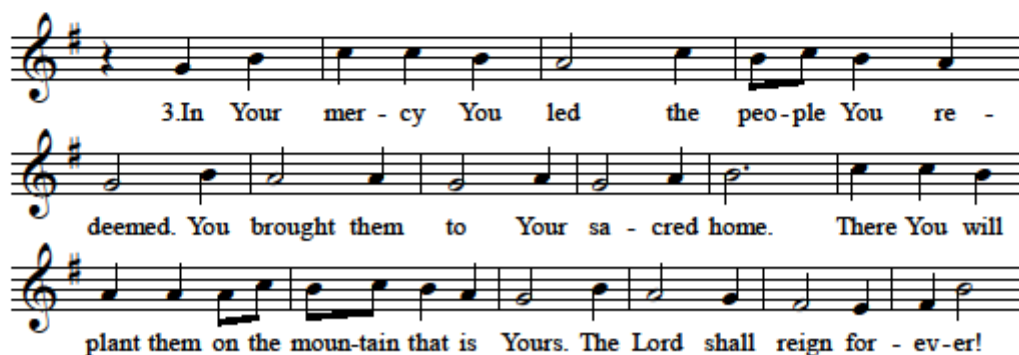
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simp. arr. R. Myers



### Refrain:



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## Third Reading Isaiah 55: 1-11

### Salvation Freely Offered To All

*In this reading from Isaiah, resurrection is like a free feast, baptism like water for the thirsty, God like rain on the earth.*

<sup>1</sup> Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. <sup>4</sup> Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. <sup>5</sup> Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee. <sup>6</sup> Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: <sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: <sup>11</sup> So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Response to the Word:


### The First Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 12: 2-6


Ecce, Deus

Jack Noble White  
this simp. arr. R. Myers


#### Refrain:




Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be a-fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and He will be my Sa-vior.\_\_\_\_\_



1. There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing




from the springs of sal - va - tion. And on that day you shall say, Give




thanks to the Lord, and call up - on His name.\_\_\_\_\_

#### Refrain:




Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be a-fraid. For the




Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and He will be my Sa-vior.\_\_\_\_\_

#### Bridge



Make His deeds known among the peo - ples; See that they re-mem-ber that His

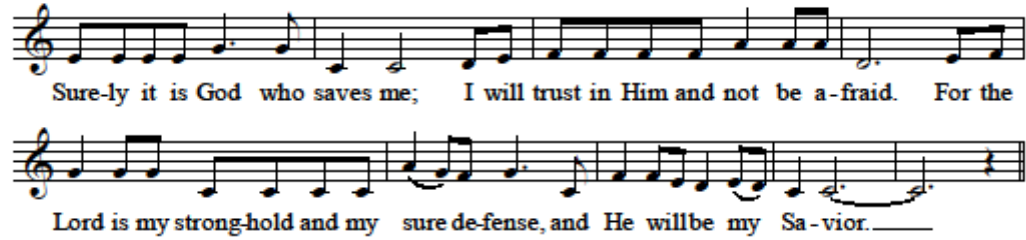


name is ex-al - ted Sing the prais-es of the Lord, for He has done great

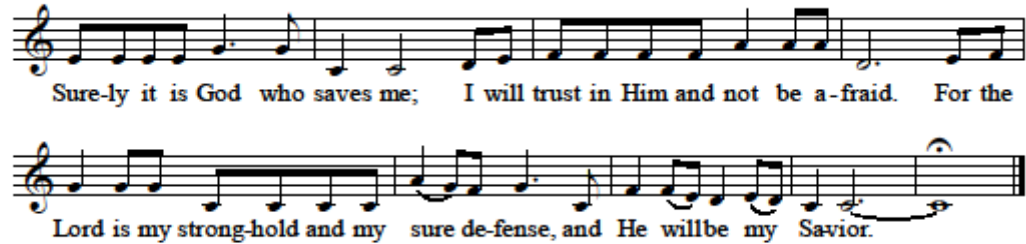




**Refrain:**



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## Fourth Reading Daniel 3: 1-29

### Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace

*For each of us there will be a time when we are engulfed by fire. Because of the resurrection of Christ, we can be confident that the Son of God will be with us, no matter what or where the furnace.*

<sup>1</sup> Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. <sup>2</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. <sup>3</sup> Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. <sup>4</sup> Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, <sup>5</sup> That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: <sup>6</sup> And whoso falleth not down and worshipping shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. <sup>7</sup> Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. <sup>8</sup> Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. <sup>9</sup> They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live forever. <sup>10</sup> Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image: <sup>11</sup> And whoso falleth not down and worshipping, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. <sup>12</sup> There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. <sup>13</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king. <sup>14</sup> Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? <sup>15</sup> Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? <sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. <sup>17</sup> If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. <sup>19</sup> Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and

commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was wont to be heated. <sup>20</sup> And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. <sup>21</sup> Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. <sup>22</sup> Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flames of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. <sup>23</sup> And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. <sup>24</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. <sup>25</sup> He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. <sup>26</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. <sup>27</sup> And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. <sup>28</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. <sup>29</sup> Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**





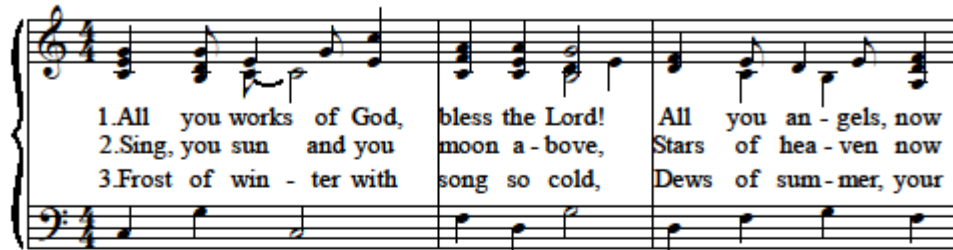
## Response to the Word:

### All You Works of God, Bless the Lord LSB 930

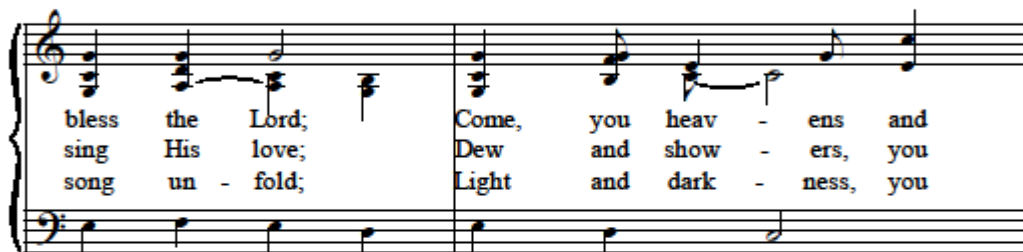
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Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955

Paraphrase of "Song of the Three Young Men"

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1. All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you an - gels, now  
2. Sing, you sun and you moon a - bove, Stars of hea - ven now  
3. Frost of win - ter with song so cold, Dews of sum - mer, your

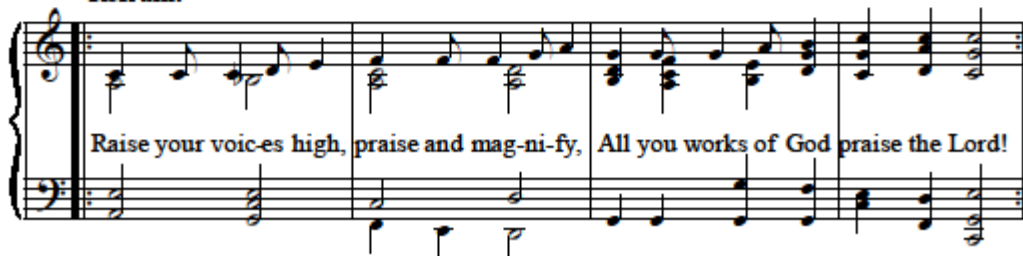


bless the Lord; Come, you heav - ens and  
sing His love; Dew and show - ers, you  
song un - fold; Light and dark - ness, you



pow'rs that be, Praise the Lord and His maj - es - ty:  
winds that blow, Heat and fire, — you ice and snow;  
day and night, Clouds of thun - der, you light - nings bright:

#### Refrain:



Raise your voic-es high, praise and mag-ni-fy, All you works of God praise the Lord!

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4.Hills and moun-tains, now sing His worth, All you green things that  
 5.Come, hu-man - i - ty, sing a - long, Sing, you peo - ple of  
 6.Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart; All you hum - ble, His

grow on earth; Seas and riv - ers, you  
 God, a song; Priests and ser - vants, your  
 praise im - part; God the Fa - ther and

springs and wells, Beasts and cat - tle, you birds and whales:  
 Lord now bless, Join, your spir - its and souls at rest:  
 Son a - dore, Bless the Spir - it for - ev - er - more!

**Refrain:**

Raise your voices high, praise and mag-ni-fy, All you works of God praise the Lord!

## New Testament Reading Romans 6: 3-11

### Baptism

*Christ's death and resurrection, our baptism, our death to sin and life to God: this proclamation from Paul provides a summary for all the stories we here have heard and sung.*

<sup>3</sup> Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

<sup>4</sup> Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

<sup>6</sup> Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. <sup>7</sup> For he that is dead is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: <sup>9</sup> Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. <sup>11</sup> Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



# We Were Baptized In Christ Jesus WOV 698

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Quimette

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1. We were bap - tized in Christ Je - sus, we were  
 2. In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the  
 3. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry

3  
 bap - tized in His death; that as Christ was raised vic -  
 break - ing of the bread, in the wait - ing arms of  
 be to Christ the Son, glo - ry to the Ho - ly

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 Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead, God has  
 Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one; as it

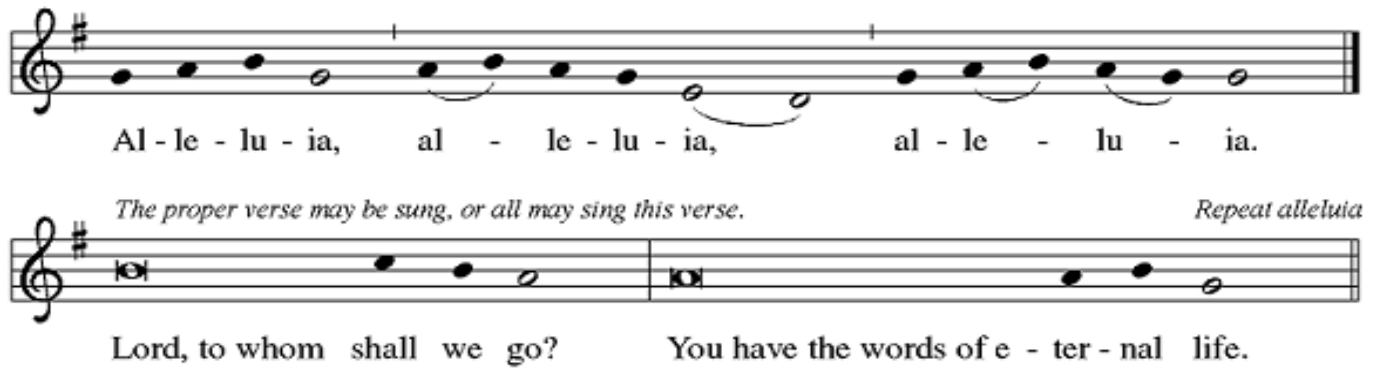
9  
 we have been u - nit ed in a dread - ful death like  
 made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our  
 was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sides a -

12  
 His, we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for He lives.  
 past; in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
 gain in a song that has no end - ing. A - men.

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As the nave lights are turned up, altar candles lit, bells rung, black paraments of Good Friday changed to white for Easter, an Easter Proclamation Anthem is sung by Chancel Choir followed by the Gospel Acclamation, "Alleluia".

## Gospel Acclamation ELW 168



Music: Plainsong mode VI

## Gospel John 20: 1-18

**P:** The holy gospel according to John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The details of this beloved story, like those in other Johannine narratives, superimposes the human Jesus, conversing with others, with the divine Christ, drawing us from death into the presence of the living God. Mary's address to the gardener, "Sir," turns into her proclamation of "the Lord."*

<sup>1</sup> The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. <sup>2</sup> Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the LORD out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. <sup>3</sup> Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. <sup>4</sup> So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. <sup>5</sup> And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. <sup>6</sup> Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, <sup>7</sup> And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. <sup>9</sup> For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went away again unto their own home. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, <sup>12</sup> And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. <sup>13</sup> And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my LORD, and I know not where they have laid him. <sup>14</sup> And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it

was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. <sup>16</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. <sup>17</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the LORD, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## The Homily

*“The Encounter in the Garden”*

The Law, Psalms, and Prophets

The Gospel and Us

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Aren’t we just a bunch of accidents that just happened to evolve in the right way? Are you really serious that there is a Providence and a purpose beyond what meaning we put on things?

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The story of salvation climaxes with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. There is a purpose and a hope given us in Jesus that is now and forever.

**On Discipleship:** Make God’s mission your top priority. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?

## Affirmation of Baptism

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P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made Your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to Yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of Your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold Your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom You have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

*Pastor addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The congregation may stand and respond accordingly:*

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.  
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker 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,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty. From thence He will come 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 Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

P: You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray.

We give You thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit You give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Your people the gift of Your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in Your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Benediction

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

**C: Amen.**

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***\*\*Please exit the sanctuary in silence.\*\****

