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Everything will be done in church.

The church should be as dark as possible, when people get in after having put their food in the Gemeinderaum.

We light the fire outside in front of the church and bring it in.

We move the altar to the center of the room. We have just two rows of seats around the edge of the room. Three rows maybe on the choir side.

As people arrive and we learn the songs, we let people know that we are going to be participating in the first part of the service. We invite younger people to sit on the floor, so we have more space down stairs. Maybe we even practice some of the movement so people know not to be worried about it. We maybe warn people not to leave valuable unattended, but maybe a neighbor can watch a purse while one becomes the water. With the bulletin people get a cross, and a piece of thread.

Service of the new fire

Steve: Dear friends in Christ,
on this most holy night,
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life,
the Church invites her children throughout the world
to come together in vigil and prayer.

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We light the new fire.

Marc: Hört auf das Wort Gottes: Im Anfang war das Wort, und das Wort war bei Gott, und Gott war das Wort.
In ihm war das Leben, und das Leben war das Licht der Menschen.

Laßt uns beten: Du Gott des Lebens, durch Deinen Sohn hast Du das Licht des Lebens für die ganze Welt gegeben: Heilige dieses neue Feuer der Liebe, in das wir unseren Haß und unsere Zwietracht werfen, auf daß unsere Herzen und unser Verstand mit dem aufrichtigen Verlangen angesteckt werden, der Dunkelheit zu wehren und mit einer Helligkeit wie bei Jesu Auferstehung zu strahlen. Amen.

Blessing of the Paschal Candle

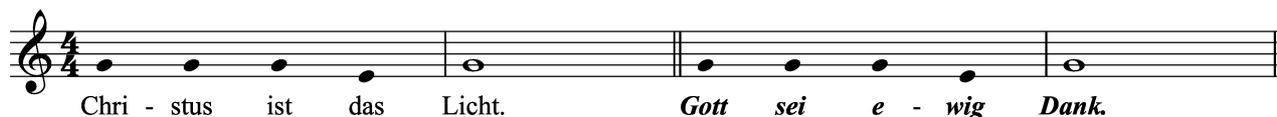
Steve: Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending, Alpha and Omega;
His are time and eternity; His are glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen

Lighting the Paschal Candle

(This is not easy sometimes. Sometimes there is not the right flame for the wick to catch. But in desperation we use one of the little candles to get the paschal candle lit.)

Marc: Möge das Licht Christi aufscheinen
und die Finsternis aus unseren Herzen und unserem Verstand vertreiben.

Marc (near the fire, near the entrance. The fire is taken out as soon as the candle is lit.)



Marc:

We make a first circle around the altar and light the candles of that circle.

Steve from where the second circle will be made



We make a second circle around the altar and light the candles of the second circle.

Marc: (at the center near the altar)



We make more circles around the altar and light the remaining candles.

The song will be sung by the first circle. And they move

Terry:

We will sing *Lumiere de Dieu* very quietly underneath the ancient hymn for Easter Eve. While we sing we will move. We take one side step to the right and then bring the other foot next to it. While we move we need to be careful not to spill melted wax by keeping the candle straight.

The Exultet

The first circle sings Lumiere de Dieu moving first with the right foot.

The Exulted is improvised over top of the Lumiere de Dieu.

Marc

Frohlockt, himmlische Mächte! Singt, Engelschöre!
die ganze Schöpfung juble um Gottes Thron!
Jesus Christus ist auferstanden!
Blast die Trompete des Heils!
Frohlocke, Erde, in ganzer Pracht, strahlend im Glanz deines Königs!
Christus ist Sieger! Ehre erfüllt dich! Dunkelheit schwindet für immer dahin.
Juble, Mutter Kirche! Frohlocke in Ehre! Der auferstandene Retter scheint auf dich herab!
Lasst diesen Ort mit Freude erfüllt sein und den mächtigen Gesang aller Kinder Gottes widerhallen!

It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices
we should praise the unseen God, the Father, Almighty,
and the Beloved 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 when you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dryshod through the sea.

This is the night when the pillar of fire destroyed the darkness of sin!

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 holiness, by the rising brightness. This is the night in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.

O night truly blessed which alone was worthy to know the time and the hour wherein Christ arose again from hell! O night truly blessed in which heaven and earth are joined - things human and things divine.

Nimm diese Osterkerze an, eine Flamme, die zur Ehre Gottes leuchtet.

Möge der Morgenstern, der niemals untergeht, diese Flamme immer brennend finden:

Christus, (ist) der Morgenstern, der von den Toten zurück kehrte und sein friedvolles Licht auf alle Menschen ausgoss. Dein Sohn, der von Ewigkeit zu Ewigkeit lebt und regiert. Amen.

We stop Lumiere

We extinguish our candles using the wet finger method. Adults maybe you help the children.

The Service of the Word

Introduction to the Service on the Word

Steve: Tonight with eyes, ears, legs, arms, hearts, we rejoice in God's saving love. On this night we celebrate the passage from death to life. We remember our story as God's people. This story becomes active in our lives becoming part of our bodies, feeding our souls. We are attentive to God's steps, allowing them to shape us and move us as individuals, as a community.

Marc: In dieser Nacht feiern wir den Durchbruch vom Tod zum Leben. Wir erinnern uns daran als Gottes Kinder. Diese Geschichte berührt unser ganzes Dasein und nährt unsere Seelen. Wir hören auf Gottes Schritte.

Creation based on Genesis 1:1-2:2

By tradition we begin with the story of creation. We have a Michelangelo moment remembering the creation story through pictures on the ceiling. If you are under the balconies, you might want to come more into the center where you can see.

Terry We will sing

And it was good, and then we stomp our right foot.



And as we add days, we add good's and stamps.



After the English we will do it in German

Reader:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light

Overhead comes the recent picture from the Planck Space telescope showing the world's oldest light (cosmic microwave background)

Reader A picture of the birth of our universe.

Reader: And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.



And it was good stomp
Und es war gut

Pictures of the heavens

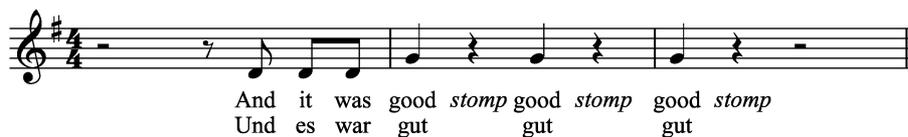
Reader: And God called the firmament heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.



And it was good stomp good stomp
Und es war gut gut

Pictures of the sea, then dry land, then grasses or other plants, maybe some flowers, trees.

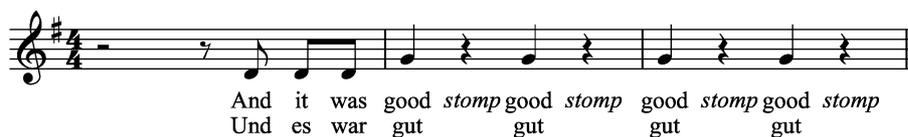
And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.



And it was good stomp good stomp good stomp
Und es war gut gut gut

Pictures of sun, moon stars

And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.



And it was good stomp good stomp good stomp good stomp
Und es war gut gut gut gut

Pictures of birds, fish, swarming things,

And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.



And it was good stomp good stomp good stomp good stomp good stomp
Und es war gut gut gut gut gut

Pictures of beasts of the earth

After the creation of the beasts, the text says that God says it was good, but it is still the fifth day. So we sing the five days.

And it was good *stomp* good *stomp* good *stomp* good *stomp* good *stomp*
 Und es war gut gut gut gut gut

Picture of Michelangelo from the Sistine Chapel. Then pictures of the boys to be baptized.

Reader: So God created humankind in the divine image, in the image of God humankind was created, male and female, God created them. And God blessed them.

And there was evening and there was morning,

God changes the response. For the sixth day, God says it was very good. So we will do five good's and then a very good with two stomps. Like this

ver - y good *stomp* *stomp*
 sehr gut

And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

And it was good good good good good ver - y good
 Und es war gut gut gut gut gut sehr gut
stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp

And on the seventh day God finished the work and God rested.

Und so vollendete Gott am siebten Tage seine Werke, die er machte und ruhte am siebten Tag.

We turn on the lights.

Hymn Morning has broken

Response to the Word

A few of these strips contain images of what someone treasured during Lent. The other strip may have some words, Biblical words important to someone. Many of these strips carried our prayers, our grieving, our sorrows to the cross, yesterday during Good Friday services. Tonight we bring treasures, words, prayers, to the light of God's creation.

Take a moment to look at the strips in your hand. What part of God's creation do you most celebrate? When you think of what God has made, what fills you with wonder, with joy? You might say quietly your answers.

Time for the quiet answers.

Prayer

Let us pray

Concentrated within a word, was a universe, God

and you set it exploding, expanding, evolving, engendering.

You created us in your image, and came among us in your Beloved to restore it.

With your Spirit dance within us,

so the chaos of our lives is calmed and we are renewed like the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Second story

The story of Noah and the Flood

Reader

The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the Lord said, 'I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.' ⁸But Noah found favour in the sight of the Lord. Genesis

Then the LORD said to Noah, 'Make yourself an ark of cypress² wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch.

For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you; Noah did all that God commanded him.

Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark,

We get Noah into the ark

you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation.

²Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate;

We give Noah some stuffed animals.

and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; ³and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. 7:1-3

We give Noah some more animals.

²The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. 7:12

Pastor

In the story the waters of the flood were a punishment for violence and sin. But when Christians thought about the story later, they said that Noah was saved through the waters. So tonight some of you are invited to be not the destructive waters of the flood, but the saving waters for Noah. We are going to float Noah over the waters. We are also saving the animals. Those who wish are welcome to come and be the saving waters. We are going to float Noah through the flood. It took a long time. So while Noah is on the saving waters, we are going to sing about the animals.

The first people get Noah up and floating and we sing.

The song begins and we have a few people ready to lift the tub and get it started. Then on the hands and shoulders of the people Noah and the ark make their way around the back of the altar to the font. Maybe when we get near the baptismal font, the narrator says.

When the rains stopped after 40 days and 40 nights, Noah send out a raven to see if there was dry land. But the raven came back.

A paper raven comes down from the balcony

After a few more days, Noah sent out a dove, and the dove came back with a reed in its beak.

A paper dove comes down from the balcony Then we let Noah down and we take the ark away.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’

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: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

We sing the song once more.

Prayer

Let us pray:

Not bound by storms and thunder, God,
you improvised from rain and sun a rainbow,
and established a covenant with us:
keep your church as an ark of mercy in the midst of troubled seas,
and a multi-colored sign of hope
pointing to the new covenant you offer in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Third story based on Exodus 14:10 - 15:1a,

The Israelites were on their way to freedom, but it looked difficult.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. ¹¹They said to Moses,

An Israelite

‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ ¹³But Moses said to the people,

A Moses:

‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

Song

Narrator

Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Song

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Narrator:

The Egyptians pursued, He clogged* their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

Song

Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.’

Song **Oh Mary**

African-American spiritual



O Ma - ry don't you weep, don't you mourn, O Ma - ry don't you weep, don't you mourn, Pha - roah's ar - my got drown - ded, O Ma - ry don't you weep.

Leader

1. One of these morn - ings bright and fair, goin' a
 2. When I get to heav - en gon - na sing and shout, ain't no -
 3. When I get to heav - en goin' a put on my shoes, goin' a

All

take my wings and cleave the air; Pha - roah's ar - my got
 bod - y there gon - na turn me out;
 run a - bout and spread the news;
 drown - ded, O Ma - ry don't you weep.

Prayer:

Let us pray:

When your people were enslaved in Egypt, God,
you gave them freedom through the sea.
Stretch out your arm over our world that the boxes which define and control might be released,
their covers opened to light, so squinting eyes re-learn how to see.
Cut the bands which keep cramped lives from your liberty
with the truth that frees,
but make stronger the bonds which hold us in community through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Fourth Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

The reader goes to the font and pours a little water into the font.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come,
buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Warum gebt ihr euer Geld aus für Brot, das nichts taugt, und euren sauer verdienten Lohn für Nahrung,
die nicht satt macht? Hört doch auf mich, dann habt ihr es gut und könnt euch an den erlesensten Speisen
satt essen!

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting
covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and
commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not
know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified
you.

Sucht den HERRN, jetzt ist er zu finden! Ruft ihn, jetzt ist er nahe!
Wer seine eigenen Wege gegangen ist und sich gegen den HERRN aufgelehnt hat, der lasse von seinen
bösen Gedanken und kehre um zum HERRN, damit er ihm vergibt! Denn unser Gott ist reich an Güte und
Erbarmen.

»Meine Gedanken - sagt der HERR - sind nicht zu messen an euren Gedanken, und meine Möglichkeiten
nicht an euren Möglichkeiten.

So hoch der Himmel über der Erde ist, so weit reichen meine Gedanken hinaus über alles, was ihr euch
ausdenkt, und so weit übertreffen meine Möglichkeiten alles, was ihr für möglich haltet.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the
earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word
be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I
purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Genauso ist es mit dem Wort, das ich spreche: Es kehrt nicht unverrichteter Dinge zu mir zurück, sondern
bewirkt, was ich will, und führt aus, was ich ihm auftrage.«

Prayer

Let us pray:

Your invitation is to all, God,
whether Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, rich or poor:
accomplish what you purpose with your word,
so wherever emptiness gnaws
the thirsty come, and the hungry eat at the table of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sung Response

We have heard how Noah and his family and the snoring animals were saved. Noah was not alone in
being saved. Likewise, salvation is not for us alone.

So can you find your cross. While we sing the response one more time, you are invited to tie your cross to that of a neighbor.

Sung Response

In the Exodus it was not just Moses and Miriam that were saved but a whole tribe.

Now while we sing, we see if we can tie the crosses together to make 10 in a line.

Sung Response

With the prophet Isaiah the covenant was not just for David and Israel, but for all nations, all people.

We sing one more time and we should end up with 4 strings that can reach right across the room. We need to be careful, but the string this long will be fragile. Some of you might need to move to support the string in the middle. Do you see where the threads are hanging down? While we sing we make the bows stretch all the way across.

Sung Response

Prayer

God of Light,
leaving nothing in the shadows
and no one in the dark,
giving all the colors their glory:
shine on us this night
so we rejoice that death is overcome,
through the rising of your Beloved, Jesus Christ,
the Light of the World
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gloria

We have four people on each side of the balconies ready to pull up the garlands and secure them. Herbert can take the crown of thorns off Jesus. We change the paraments. But this song is short so these actions can happen quickly. Or maybe we start with a little percussion before we begin to sing.

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his.

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo

Sing sing sing with all the people of God. Sing sing sing and join the hymn of all creation. Blessing and honor glory and might be to God and to the Lamb forever. Amen amen glory alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Children from the English speaking congregation, do you remember where you put the Alleluia. During the Epistle reading you are invited to go find it, and have it ready to bring when we sing, Alleluia.

Epistle Reading Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia

We made the box with three strips of paper. Two of them became the crosses. But there is one strip more. Tonight we use this strip which is at loose ends to shower us with joy. Children as the papers come down, maybe you would like to collect them, a handful of color, a gathering of joy.

Gospel reading
chanted in German by Marc

Luke 24:1-12

Sermon

Hymn **Christ ist erstanden**

German 12th century

Salzburg 1160

Christ ist er - stan - den von der Mar - ter al - le;
 Chrsit is a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on.

des solln wir al - le froh sein, Christ will un - ser Trost sein.
 So let our joy rise full and free; Christ our com - fort true will be.

Ky - ri - e - leis. Wär er nicht er - stan - den,
 Al - le - lu - ia! Were Christ not a - ris - en,

so wär die Welt ver - gan - gen; seit daß er er - stan - den ist,
 then death were still our pris - on. Now, with him to life re - stored,

so lobn wir den Va - ter Je - su Christ'. Ky - ri - e - leis.
 we praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

Hal - le - lu - ja, Hal - lel - uj - a, Hal - le - lu - ja!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Des solln wir al - le froh sein,
 Now let our joy - rise full and free;

Christ will un - ser Trost sein. Ky - ri - e - leis.
 Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

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During the hymn, the baptismal party is invited to gather around. But also I invite the children to come close so they can see.

The baptism of Mamadou Aliou and Reahile Diallo

Introduction and Presentation of Mamadou and Reahile

God gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life.

Sponsor

I present Mamadou for baptism.

I present Reahile for baptism.

Pastor to parents and sponsors:

Do you promise to nurture Mamadou and Reahile in the Christian faith as you are empowered by the Spirit of God and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church.

Sponsors and Parents I do.

Renunciation of Evil

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ, reject sin,
and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God.

I renounce them.

The Apostles' Creed *(You may say the answers to the Apostle's Creed in your own language.)*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

***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.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***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

Thanksgiving over the water (water is poured into the font during this prayer)

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your word, you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism of Mamadou

Mamadou I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Congregation:

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Sung Hallelujah

The laying on of hands

Sustain Mamadou with 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. Amen.

Sign of the Cross

Mamadou, child of God,

You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Presentation of a Candle (a sponsor)

Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen. Shine with the light of Christ.

Baptism of Reahile

Reahile I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Congregation:

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Sung Hallelujah

The laying on of hands

Sustain Reahile with 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. Amen.

Sign of the Cross

Reahile, child of God,
You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Presentation of a Candle (a sponsor)

Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen. Shine with the light of Christ.

Welcome

Mamadou and Reahile, through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

Brothers and sisters, let us welcome Mamadou and Reahile into the household of God.

***We welcome you into the body of Christ
and the mission we share.***

***Join us as we give praise to God
and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.***

(Renewing Worship: Holy Baptism and related rites)

Hallelujah

Prayers of intercession

Prayers for Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, countries we are praying for in the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, (English)

People in Central African Republic, Cyprus, Syria, Democratic Republic of the Congo, prayers for peace in our world (German)

people in our communities who are ill, lonely, unemployed, English

family of people who died ... (in German)

thanking for the good friendship between our communities and asking God to continue blessing us in this relationship. English

The prayers of the community are invited.

The Peace

Some of us will share the peace here in the sanctuary.

Let us offer signs of Christ peace using the Easter greeting.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Christus ist auferstanden!

Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!

Bringing our gifts

While we sing we receive our tithes and offerings. Unless clearly marked otherwise, the offering tonight will go toward the work of this church, which the two congregations share in common with each other. Also we will receive the gifts of food and drink for our Easter feast.

Great prayer of thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you
Und mit deinem Geist.

Die Herzen in die Höhe.
We lift them to the Lord.
Wir erheben sie zum Herren.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Das ist würdig und recht.

Preface

Creator of all that is,
you did not contain what you have made,
but set the universe free,
You formed women and men in your image
but did not restrict their will.
When we were boxed in by greed and power, you sent your word
through law and prophet to open our hearts to justice.
In the fullness of time you burst our understanding of what it means to be human,
what it means to be divine with the gift of your Beloved.
So with your people of every time and place, we sing the endless song of praise.

Sanctus **You are holy**

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed is the one bursting forth from the tomb, destroying death by death.

On 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.

At this table all your gifts are unwrapped.
In the broken bread, we see revealed our treasure, Christ Jesus.
With poured wine, we hear his commands, his words of grace.
Gathered at the table, we become a community of the covenant established by Christ.

Come Holy Spirit.
Release us from whatever hinders our knowing Christ Jesus.
Open our hearts to receive your Beloved, our life, our hope.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all glory is yours, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer Vater unser (*in our many languages*)

Angus Dei

Communion

Alleluias from all over the world

Prayer

Unlimited
not bound by our imagination,
nor stuck by what we think must be,
God of the forever possibility,
roll away the tombstones which keep us from what might yet be,
life so full it breaks out with glorious company
dancing your love in praise of the Trinity. Amen.

Benediction (Marc does it in German)

Invitation to the Feast in the presence of the risen Lord

In a few moments we will continue the Easter feast. But first we dance.