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We gather crowded outside the door of the cave unto the street. We have bulletins and the candles are on the seats so the first part should be done without papers. We will be crowded around the door. There we make the new fire.

Service of the new fire

Andy:

We come from the emptiness of the cross, the pouring out of love.
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.

Dagmar

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.

Anzünden des Feuers// Lighting the fire

We light a taper from the fire (hopefully the wind will die down.) Then someone opens the door to the cave from the inside. The taper is sent partly down the stairs. Marc is down at the bottom. He has to sing loudly as he lights the Paschal Candle.

Blessing of the Paschal Candle (if we have a new Paschal Candle)
this is sung simply on a tone. We need a paschal candle bearer.

Marc (*down in the cave*)

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

Marc



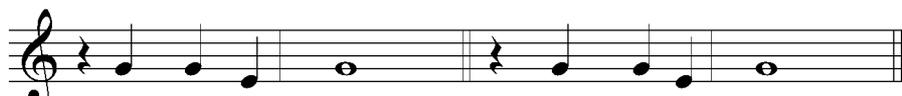
Then Marc starts the exultet

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!

As this is sung, the candle and Marc come up the steps (very carefully.) We make sure the downstairs door to the cave is shut to avoid an intake of wind (if we can avoid this) blowing out the candle. We gradually hear more and more as Marc ascends the steps and we see the candle as well.

*When he gets to the top of the stairs
 Andy sings*



The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

During this next bit the candle begins to move slowly towards the entrance of the church. The chanting continues while we move. Andy could chant this, or alternate between Andy and Marc he has to be near the candle and sort of walking backwards singing to the people who follow. Or maybe we takes some steps and turns and sings a phrase or two, depending on the sense. Then moves further sings. etc.

It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices
 we should praise the unseen God, the all powerful Father and Mother,
 and their only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
 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 when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored
 to grace and grow together in holiness.
 This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death
 and rose triumphant from the grave.
 Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's
 solemn offering.

At this point we arrive at the door of the church



The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

*We enter the church singing. When we have found our places we will pass the light.
 When the light has filled up the church, then we end the exultet.*

Nimm diese Osterkerze an, himmlischer Vater, eine Flamme, die Dir zur Ehre 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.

Prayer

The Lord be with you.
and also with you
 Der Herr sei mit dir.

The person (who has to be wearing the right things and without shoes) stands in the tub, and with a pitcher pours water over himself. (He is going to get soaked.) The reading waits for this action.

E1: God breathed into the dust the breath of life.

the breath of life.

D1 *Atem* breath

German. Atem

E1: and the man became a living being

a living being.

D1: Ein Lebendiges Wesen

Ein Lebendiges Wesen

The person now takes some more water and pours it over his head.

The digeridoo stops

E1:

⁸And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

The man dripping walks around the tub as if exploring the garden during this next bit.

D1

⁹Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Und Gott, der Herr, liess aufwachsen aus der Erde allerlei Bäume, verlockend anzusehen und gut zu essen, und den Baum des Lebens mitten im Garten und den Baum der Erkenntnis des Guten und des Bösen.

The man sits now.

E1

10 A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches.

D1¹¹The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;

Und es ging aus von Eden ein Strom, den Garten zu bewässern und teilte sich von da in vier Hauptarme.

11Der erste heißt Pischon, der fließt um das ganze Land Hawila und dort findet man Gold;

The first 'river' is slowly let down from the corner on the office side of the balcony. These rivers do not extend into the floor space. They come from the balcony just to the floor.

E1

¹²and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush.

The second 'river' is slowly let down from near the pillar where the choir sits.

D1:

⁴The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria.

14Der dritte Strom heißt Tigris, der fließt östlich von Assyrien.

The third 'river' is slowly let down from near the corner of the balcony on the choir side

E1:

And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The fourth 'river' is slowly let down from near the pillar not far from the side entrance.

D1

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

15Und Gott der HERR nahm den Menschen und setzte ihn in den Garten Eden, dass er ihn bebaute und bewahrte.

Again the man walks around, maybe further afield this time. But slowly carefully, tending.

¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;

The man stops in place for the command.

¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

The man continues the slow walking, tending.

E1

18 Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.'

D1 ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them;

E1: and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle,

Cattle Vieh

D1: and to the birds of the air,

birds of the air Vögel unter dem Himmel

E1: and to every animal of the field;

and to every animal of the field Tiere auf dem Felde

D1: horse Pferd

dog Hund

E1 alligator Krokodil

parakeet Wellensittich

D1: Holstein Schwarzbunte Holsteiner

E1: Danaus plexippus Monarchfalter

D1 Grafschaft Bentheim

Argentine Morino Sheep Argentinisches Merinoschaf

E1: [Tragelaphus eurycerus](#) (the common name is Bongo an antelope is Central Africa)

D1

but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

aber für den Menschen ward keine Gehilfin gefunden, die um ihn wäre.

The man stops.

E1

²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept;

D1:

then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

E1: ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

D1:

²³Then the man said,

‘This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;

E1: this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.’

D1: ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

E1: ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

The reader hands the man a script and he goes to the mic and says the following poem

Response I thank You God for most this amazing day
by e.e. cummings

Sung response **Morning has broken**

Andy Prayer

Stream rising from the earth,
the spring of water which never runs dry,
the refreshing rain which replenishes the garden,
maker of trees and flowers, birds and mammals,
creator of us,
your people,
through the miracle of love,
your children,
born through the water of a womb
your heirs:

wash away all shame and fear
so that as women and men
we rejoice in how you have made us,
full of gifts and pains,
wonders and impediments,
possibilities yet to be embodied.
Breathe into us the spirit that does not give up
but rises towards your image,
the imprint of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, full of grace and truth,
through whom we behold your glory
through whom we live your glory
now and forever. Amen.

The second story Noah and the ark taken from Genesis chapters 6, 7, 8 and 9

Maybe we go back and forth between German and English. Maybe God is always German and the other parts English. We need to have the one sheet prepared with string on the four corners, to lift it up. We already have an ark.

Andy: The second story is the story of Noah,
starring Russel Crowe
oh no not that version
This version is extracted from Genesis chapters 6 through 9

The river handlers move one of the rivers so that the plastic lays on the floor flat.. We use only one piece of plastic for this.

E2:

6:11 Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth.

D2

¹³And God said to Noah, 'I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark ¹⁷For 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; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you;

One of the readers takes the little ark and puts it in the middle of the water. It should look tiny and insignificant. We might need to put something over any sharp edge (we don't want it puncturing the plastic.)

Antiphon

E2

²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Noah tat alles genau so, wie ihm Gott aufgetragen hatte.

D2

Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go 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; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; ⁴For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.'

E2

⁵And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

Noah tat alles, was ihm der Herr aufgetragen hatte.

P: Children, you can come and help be the rain and the floods. Can you gather around the ark and help the waters rise?

The children come and get ready

E2

¹¹ In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹²The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights.

We hum the refrain

Under the next part the water is slowly raised up.

and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

¹⁸The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth;

and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

at this point the ark is coming off the floor.

¹⁹The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered;

²⁰the waters swelled above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep.

the water is now as high as we can get it with the ark in the middle (probably not able to be seen even.)

²¹And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; ²²everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of

life died

Silence

D2:

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark.

Da dachte Gott an Noach und an alle Tiere und an alles Vieh, das bei ihm in der Arche war.

During this the waters are slowly let back down.

And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided;
²the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed,
the rain from the heavens was restrained,
³and the waters gradually receded from the earth.

Und Gott ließ einen Wind über die Erde wehen und das Wasser sank. Die Quellen der Urflut und die Schleusen des Himmels schlossen sich; der Regen vom Himmel ließ nach und das Wasser verlief sich allmählich von der Erde.

When the waters come down, the sheet of plastic is let down so that the ark comes to rest on the edge of the baptismal font and the plastic draps over half of the font.

E2:

Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying.

D2

¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶‘Go out of the ark, ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.’

E2

¹⁸So Noah went out

¹⁹And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

D2

²² God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

8 Then God said to Noah

As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and 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

¹¹I 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.’ ¹²God 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: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Song

Prayer

God of rain and rainbow
promising that you will never again destroy your world by a flood,
send the wind of your spirit over our earth to sing creation’s song
to keep us from using up what you have made.

Revitalize our energy
so that rain and rainbows

smile on the land
and make it fruitful
for us, and for the coming generations,
through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The third story The Exodus Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 and Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18

Now we have some more light.

The third story tells of the Israelites escaping from Egypt, crossing the Red Sea. God saved the Israelites through water.

A short version

E3

^{1: 13}The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites,

¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor.

They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

D3

2:23 The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out.

Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God.

Und die Israeliten seufzten über ihre Knechtschaft und schrien, und ihr Schreien über ihre Knechtschaft kam vor Gott.

E3

8:1 Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Go to Pharaoh and say to him, “Thus says the Lord: Let my people go,

D3

Then came the plagues: frogs, gnats, flies, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, the death of the first-born.

Dann kamen die Plagen: Frösche, Stechmücken, Fliegen, Blattern, Hagel, Heuschrecken, Dunkelheit Tod der Erstgeburt

E3

The Lord kept saying to Moses, ‘Go to Pharaoh and say to him, “Thus says the Lord: Let my people go,

D3

Then Pharaoh did, but changed his mind

Und der Pharao tat so, aber änderte dann seine Meinung

14:5 ‘What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?’

E3

⁸The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly.

D3

10 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.

Und als der Pharao nahe herankam, hoben die Kinder Israels ihre Augen auf, und siehe, die Aegypter zogen hinter ihnen her. Und sie fürchteten sich sehr und schrien zu dem Herrn:

*Waren nicht Gräber in Aegypten, dass du uns wegführen musstest, damit wir in der Wüste sterben?
For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’*

E3

13 But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today;

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea.

We have two of the plastics getting in place and making water sounds

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.

22The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Now we have a wall on the right on the left.

P: Tonight we celebrate God's deliverance. While we sing Oh Mary, those who wish are invited to walk through the waters. We move in a circle starting from beneath the organ and coming out near the font, and then return to your seat.

Song Oh Mary don't you weep, don't you mourn

E3

The LORD 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.'

27So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea,

The LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

The waters return to the floor

D3

31Israel 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.

So sah Israel die mächtige Hand, mit der der Herr an den Aegyptern gehandelt hatte. Und das Volk fürchtete den Herrn, und sie glaubten ihm und seinem Knecht Mose.

20Then 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.

Da nahm Miriam, die Prophetin, Aarons Schwester, eine Pauke in ihre Hand und alle Frauen folgten ihr nach mit Pauken und Reigen

E3

21And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the LORD,
'Sing to the LORD,

D3: for he has triumphed gloriously;

den er hat eine herrliche Tat getan

for he has triumphed gloriously;

E3: horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

Antiphon

Prayer

P: Let us pray

Wind over Wave,

making water light enough that it can stand up like a wall,

allowing your people to walk free on dry land,

clog the wheels of all the enslaving forces in our world, in our lives.

Clog everything in us, which whether by design, disinterest or negligence enslaves others.

Clean away the mud clinging to us, so we can dream of walking on the waves

toward your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Fourth Story From Jonah 1

We have a Jonah character

D1 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah

²‘Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.’

E1 ³But Jonah found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them away from the presence of the Lord.

D1 ⁴ But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up.

We make waves with the plastic. Maybe now we have all four of the plastics in play.

E1

⁵Then the mariners were afraid

They threw the cargo into the sea, to lighten it for them.

Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep.

The Jonah person kneels and crouches in a hunted kind of way.

D1: ⁷ The sailors* said to one another, ‘Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.’

E1: So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.

D1:

⁸Then they said to him, ‘Tell us why this calamity has come upon us.’

E1

⁹‘I am a Hebrew,’ he replied. ‘I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.’

D1

¹⁰Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, ‘What is this that you have done!’ ‘What shall we do to you, that the sea may quieten down for us?’

E1

‘Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quieten down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.’

D1

¹³Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not,

¹⁴Then they cried out to the Lord, ‘Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.’

¹⁵So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging.

The sea now is calm

E1

¹⁷ *But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah;

We put one of the plastics over Jonah. He is in the whale.

and Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, ²saying,

This next can go back and forth between German and English

‘I called to the Lord out of my distress,

and he answered me;

D1
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.

E1
³ You cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,

D1
and the flood surrounded me;
***all your waves and your billows
passed over me.***

E1
⁵ The waters closed in over me;
the deep surrounded me;

D1
⁷ As my life was ebbing away,
I remembered the Lord;
***and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.***

E1
⁸ Those who worship vain idols
forsake their true loyalty.
***9 But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;***

D1
what I have vowed I will pay.
Deliverance belongs to the Lord!

E1
¹⁰ Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

Jonah comes out of the whale with a sudden movement.

Prayer

Like a whale of love,
you hold us, God.
Even when we would try running away,
you surround us with a sea of arms to carry us towards the shore.
Fill us a new and renewing grace,
so we do your will,
becoming for others
the water poured out, giving life,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gloria

(In the Easter Eve Vigil the Gloria is a moment of celebration marking the shift from the old to the new. In the ancient tradition it was the time when the signs of mourning for Good Friday were removed and Easter colors were brought in.)

P The Gloria marks the change from the old to the new. While we sing you are invited to bring the water you brought, maybe the waters of a 100 rivers. While you pour the water into one of the rivers say aloud where the water comes from. We rejoice in God's gift of life.

During this people bring the water and pour it into the plastic. Herbert should take off the thorn crown. We bring out flowers and the altar candles, the altar cross. We turn on all the lights. The paraments get changed. If the plastic gets too heavy it can be rested (a little) on the floor

Gloria

Glory to God in the Highest

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.

Now the four rivers are slowly emptied into the baptismal font.

Service of Baptismal renewal; only English,

In Holy Baptism our gracious God liberated us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. By water and the Holy Spirit we were made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. On this most holy night, we give thanks for our baptism.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Waters of Baptism

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. Und mit deinem Geiste

Lasst uns danksagen dem Herren, unserm Gott

It is right to give God thanks and praise. Es ist wahrhaft recht, Gott zu danken und zu loben.

(During the flood prayer, the last water is poured into the font and there is some splashing of the water)

This goes back and forth. 1 is English. 2 is German.

1: Word

2: Ho everyone who thirsts

1 Invitation

2 come to the waters

1 Compassion

2 and you that have no money

1 Generosity

2 come buy without money without price.

1 Probe

2: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

1: Living water

2: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,

1: the spring which never runs dry

2: my word will not return to me empty

1: River of healing

2: flowing from Eden

from the throne of God,

1: Nile of salvation

2: Amazon of verdant grace,

1: Jordan of new possibilities

2: wash your people clean
1: with the waters of rivers far and near
2: and bless them with your love
1: pouring out freedom and dignity
2: through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The creed *in both languages at the same time*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Glaubst du an Jesus Christus, Gottes Sohn?

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***

We sprinkle water towards people and say, Remember your baptism and be thankful.

We send some kids out to bring back the Alleluia from the sacristy

Alleluia

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

E2 A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

E3:

But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.'

E2

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

E3 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!'

E2: And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

E3: Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon Pf. Marc Blessing

Hymn

The Prayers

In German and English

English prayer for the countries (which are Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan)

German for peace in places of conflict

English Prayers for the sick, along with a time for people to name them

German prayers for the grieving (and any other concerns)

English: The prayers of the congregation are invited in your language.

The Peace

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Gathering of gifts

All non-designated money will go to the water project for Namibia and Angola administered by the Lutheran World Federation.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

E

Master Artist,
able from hydrogen and oxygen to make water,
with an earth warm enough that the water is not just ice,
and cold enough that is not just steam,

D

Loving Creator
able to breathe into dust and make your image live,

E

Strong Deliverer
able to save a family with an ark,
a people through a sea
a prophet with a whale,
to you we offer thanks and praise.

D
So with the waters of the Elbe and the Danube
the Congo and the Ganges,
the Paraná and the Yukon

E
with Miriam and Moses
with Noah and Eve,

D
with the hosts of your servants of every time and place
we sing the endless hymn of praise

Sanctus

E
Blessed is the water of life,
blossoming in the desert
promising a new birth to an old theologian,
talking with a strange woman at a well,
healing a man born blind,
weeping over the death of a friend,
poured out, emptied, willing to be wasted for the love of the world.

Words of Institution

D
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

E
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.

D
The risen Christ is our host and our guest.
Bread is offered without price.
Wine is shared that is the taste of life.

E
In this meal we remember the death of love,
and loved raised up to new life,
glorious love, remaining until the end.

D
Come Holy Spirit, come,

E:
so we see Christ risen as we eat this festive wine and bread,

D
as we delight in the company of one another,

E
as we are drawn into your love which knows no bounds nor boundaries

D
through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all glory and honor are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer *(in your own language)*

We say the Lord's Prayer each in our many languages.

Agnus Dei

Communion

(Alle getauften Christen sind zum Abendmahl eingeladen. Wir feiern heute in Form einer Wandelkommunion. Das Abendmahl wird an zwei Stellen weitergegeben.)

(All baptized Christians who recognize in this meal the presence of our Lord are welcome at this table. Communion is continuous. There will be two stations. Come and first receive the bread and then the wine. If you use the little cups for communion get them on the way to the station.)

Songs during communion

Benediction

Dismissal

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed.

Song for Dancing