EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

EASTER VIGIL



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 20H30 30 March 2024

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

We are a church with open arms, where each person is welcome in God's allinclusive love.

Jesus shared God's gracious love with all people, and we seek to follow this example. People of any economic status, marital or family situation, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability are welcome to full participation in our congregation. We honor the unique gifts of each.

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this evening: *Readers:* Clare Duran, Faith Fookes, Kiki Lawal, Martin Leer, Jeff Steinhagen, Aamizara Talsma *Prayer leader:* Sarah Stephens *Altar care:* Marian Frerichs *Assisting ministers:* Clare Duran, Maureen Gumbe, Sarah Stephens *Ushers:* Le Geyt Family *Videographers:* Breanna Ndwiga, Ray Woodcock

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Easter Eve + 30 March 2024, 20h30 A Season of Psalms and Staffs Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia

Service of New Fire

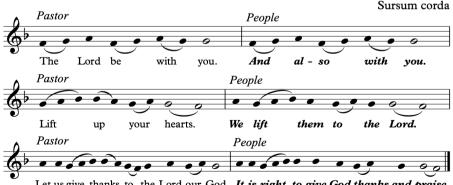
Blessing of the Paschal Candle



Exultet

Sung by Natalie Deffenbaugh

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King. let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just with ardent love of mind and heart and with devoted service of our voice to acclaim our God invisible the almightv Father, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his, only Begotten. These then are the feasts of Passover, in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb. whose blood anoints the doorposts of believers. This is the night, when once you led our forebears Israel's children. from slavery in Egypt and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea. This is the night that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin. This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the grave. O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son! This is the night of which it is written: The night shall be a bright as day, dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness. The sanctifying power of this night restores innocence to the fallen. and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord and brings down the mighty. Through Christ, your Son, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity and lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading from Psalm 104 Antiphon

land.

Bless the Lord my soul

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul. God rescues me from death.

Prayer

Second Reading Exodus 14:15-15:1 Canticle from Exodus 15 Song Miriam, Miriam Clauda MtschaEibl: Germany Dm C Dm Α Dm C In cru - el op-pres - sion they suf - fered for years, en-slaved in a far - a - way Dm E۶ Dm C

Genesis 1:1—2:2

For - got - ten was free - dom and si - lenced their cries. Hope was



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Prayer

Is-rael.



Refrain

for the great one in the midst of you is the Ho-ly One of

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The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

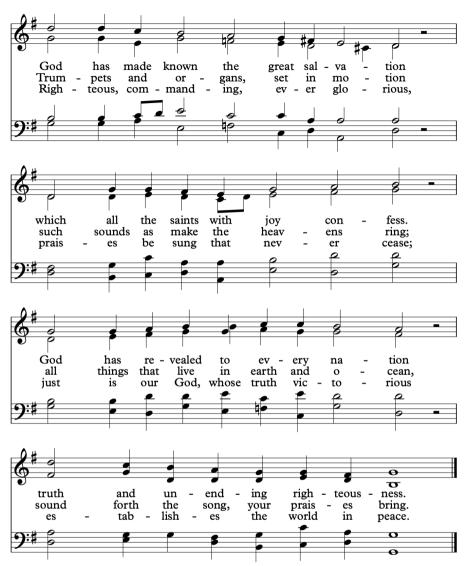
Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, Come. O breath and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' Come, O breath I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, Come, O breath and they lived, Come, O breath and stood on their feet. Come, O breath a vast multitude. Come, O breath Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus

says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Psalm 98

New songs of celebration render





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Prayer

Hymn of Praise

Hristos voskrese





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. This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Renewal of Baptism

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Affirmation of Faith

Remembering our baptism, let us reject sin and profess our faith in Christ Jesus.

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.*

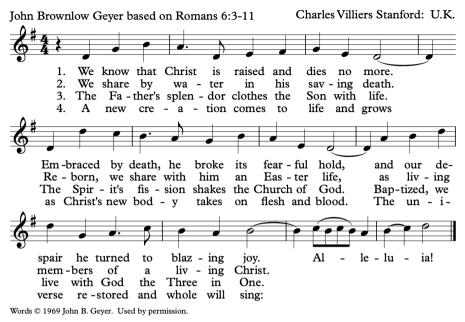
Do you believe in God, the Father? *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in 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.

Hymn

We know that Christ is raised



Gospel

John 20:1-18

The gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not vet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sung Alleluia



Hymn Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing

Deutsch, Michael Weisse. English, Cyril A. Alington Melchoir Vulpius 0. 0 1. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the 2. The Lord of life is risen this day; bring flowers of songs 3. Praise in of vic that love, that we to ry 4. Your name we bless, 0 ris en and sing to -Lord, King! glad news tri - umph of То all we bring; our the world the world song to strew his way; let all re-joice and say: up - lift - ed high: life which can - not die, and sing with hearts laid down, the life dav with one stored: ac cord, the life re -Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayers

God, in your mercy *hear our prayer*.

Easter Greeting

Christ is risen. *Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Offertory

Mfurahini



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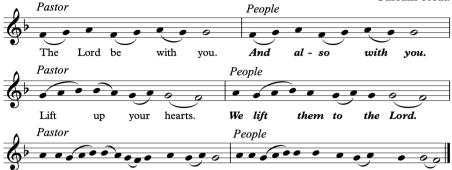
2. A-me-fu-fu-ka M-ko-mbo-zi, Ha-le-lu-ya, tu-sha-ngi-li-e. Ngu-vu za mwo-vu a-me-shi-nda. A-me-tu-on-do-a ku-fa-ni.

3. Ma-la-i-ka a-li-waa-mbi-a Wa-na-wa-ke, «M-si-o-go-pe. Sa-sa ka-bu-ri li-po tu-pu, Kwa-ni Ye-su a-me-fu-fu-ka.»

4. «A-me-ba-ti-li-sha She-ta-ni. A-me-wal-le-te-a wo-ko-vu. Kwa hi-yo ni-nyi m-ta-nga-ze, Ni ha-ki-ka, Ye-su yu ha-i.»

Great Thanksgiving





Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

You set the earth on its foundations. O Lord, how manifold are your works. In wisdom you have made them all. *Bless the Lord, my soul.*

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power. Pharaoh's chariots and his army you cast into the sea. You have triumphed gloriously. *Bless the Lord, my soul.*

Surely you are our salvation. We will trust in you and not be afraid. We give thanks to you and call upon your name. We make your deeds known among the peoples. *Bless the Lord, my soul.*

In the fullness of time, you sent your beloved, Jesus Christ, the holy one dwelling in our midst. So joyfully, and heartily resounding, every instrument and voice peels out the praise of grace abounding, calling the whole world to rejoice. You are holy

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Eucharistic Prayer

In the midst of our chaos, uncertainty, rebellion, *Jesus*,

blessing the children, healing the sick, *Jesus,* teaching love, living love, dying love, *Jesus,* raised up for love, by death defeating death, *Jesus.*

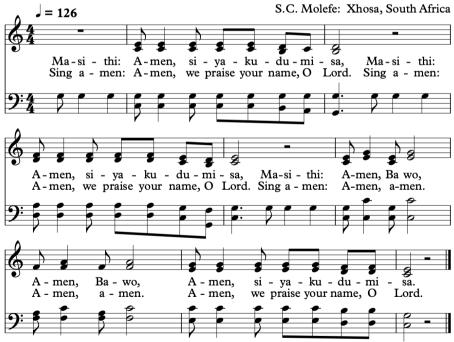
Words of Institution

Remembrance

Taste and see that the Lord is good. This bread and wine become for us the body and blood of the crucified and risen Christ. Around this table we remember all Christ means for us. *Christ has taught us. Christ lives in us. Christ leads us into life with him.*

Prayer to the Holy Spirit





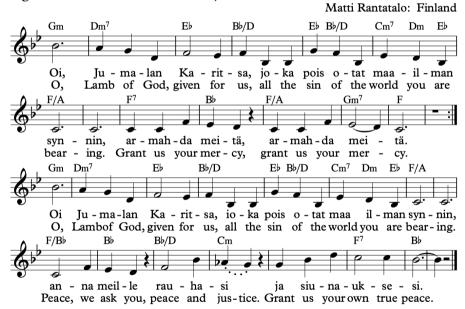
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Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Agnus Dei



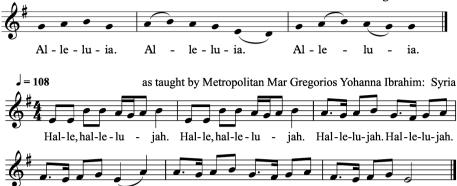


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Communion

Because this is the table of Jesus Christ, all people are welcome and invited to his feast. From the tray, take a light-colored cup if you wish to receive grape juice or a dark-colored one if you wish to receive wine. After being served, place your cup on the tray for used cups. Songs during Communion Alleluias

Gregorian chant



Hal - le - lu-jah. Hal - le - lu-jah. Hal - le - lu-jah. Hal - le - lu-jah.

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Palestine



Sending Forth

Benediction

Finale for a Season of Psalms and Staffs

Zoltán Sumonyi, adapted from Psalm 133 Dániel Gryllus, Hungary Gm D Cm D La la la la etc. Cm D Gm D

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Feast

Please join us for worship on Easter Day—Sunday, 31 March at 11h00.

And remember the time change this weekend. Clocks move forward one hour tonight.

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