

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
TECHNICOLOR MINISTRIES
MARCH 30, 2024, 6 PM



THE SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS SYNOD CHAPEL

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The Three Days
THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

March 30, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM

Gathering - The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

All gather in silence. A small unlighted candle is given to each worshiper.

Greeting

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All And also with you.

Presider Siblings 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 fire is blessed. The assembly sings while the presider prays.

Hymn:

Within our Darkest Night

Jaques Berthier



With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a -
way, that nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the
fire that nev - er dies a - way, that nev - er dies a - way.

Presider Let us pray.

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The presiding minister traces the inscription on the paschal candle, which is held by an assisting minister.

Presider Christ, yesterday and today, ✠
the beginning and the ending. A Ω
To Christ belongs all time 2
and all the ages; 0
to Christ belongs glory and dominion 2
now and forever. 4

All Amen.

Presider The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
The assisting minister lifts the candle so that all may see it.

Procession

The procession begins, led by the assisting minister bearing the paschal candle.

During the procession, light from the paschal candle may be passed until the people's candles are all lighted.

As the procession begins, the assisting minister sings:

Presider The light^l of Christ.

All Thanks be^l to God.

Presider Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen! Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and for so great a victory, sound the trumpet of salvation. Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your king! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever. Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that with full devotion of heart and mind and voice we should praise the invisible God, and the only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who, by his precious blood, redeemed us from 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 in which, in ancient times, you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel, and led them, dry-shod, through the sea.

This is the night in which the darkness of sin has been purged away by the rising brightness.

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 are restored to holiness.

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

O night truly blessed which alone was worthy to know the time and hour in which Christ arose again from hell!

This is the night of which it is written: "The night is as clear as the day," and, "then shall my night be turned into day." The holiness of this night puts to flight the deeds of wickedness; washes away sin; restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn; casts out hate; brings peace; and humbles earthly pride.

Therefore, in this night of grace, receive, O God, our praise and thanksgiving for the light of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, reflected in the burning of this candle. We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, the brightness of which is not diminished even when its light is divided and borrowed. For it is fed by the melting wax which the bees, your servants, have made for the substance of this candle.

This is the night in which heaven and earth are joined—things human and things divine. We, therefore, pray to you, O God, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will continue to vanquish the darkness of night and be mingled with the lights of heaven. May Christ the Morning Star find it burning, that Morning Star who never sets, that Morning Star who, rising from the grave, faithfully sheds light on the whole human race.

And we pray, O God, rule, govern, and preserve with your continual protection your whole church, giving us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Presider Let us pray. O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The assembly is seated. Hand-held candles may be extinguished.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis: *Genesis 1:1—2:4a*

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. 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 God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

First Prayer: *Creation by Alex Clare-Young*

Reader In the beginning, God created the sun
and the rain
All **And today God brings them together in
a rainbow.**

In the beginning, God created justice and peace
**And today God works them out through our
hands.**

In the beginning, God created humans in all of
our diversity,
**And today God brings us together to pray for
change.**

In each of our beginnings, God is with us.
As this day draws to an end, God is with us.

Presider God of day and night, dusk and dawn,
Sometimes we see only binaries; Help us notice
the diversity of your people.
God of sea and sky, horizons and margins,

Sometimes we yearn to stay safe in the center:
Help us go out to the edges of your community.

God of trees and flowers, bushes and shrubs,
Sometimes we are determined to categorize:
Help us to move beyond easy words and assumptions.

God of sun and moon, stars and comets,
Sometimes we are stuck on the next big problem or
debate: Help us to pay attention to the little niggles of
daily injustice and struggle.

God of hawks and dolphins,
Of puffins and penguins,
Sometimes we close our ears to new ideas.

Help us to come into dialogue with each other,
Hearing other stories, meeting other realities,
Ready and willing to change our minds.

All **Amen.**

A Reading From Exodus: *Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21*

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. They said to Moses, “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? Is 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.” But Moses said to the people, “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. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

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. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

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.

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. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. 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. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 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.”

Sacred Song:

*And Miriam Sang
Silent reflection.*

Zebulon Highben

Presider O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation offered to everyone by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of earth may partake in the salvation of the Israelites and together dance on the safe side of the sea, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

A Reading From Isaiah: *Isaiah 55:1-11*

Reader Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

All **Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.**

Reader Why do you spend your money for that
which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not
satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is
good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

All **Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.**

Reader 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,

Presider Holy God, you created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the whole earth by your Spirit.
Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you, that, rejoicing in your covenant of mercy, we may bring forth
abundant fruit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

A Reading From Ezekiel: *Ezekiel 36:24-28*

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

All **Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;**

Reader let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have
mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

All **For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

Reader For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from
heaven, and do not return there until they have
watered the earth,

All **making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,**

Reader 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.

Hymn Response:

Many Will Come

Daniel Schwandt

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Man - y will come from east and west, and from
OR Man - y will come from east and west, and from

north and south, and will eat in the king - dom, the
north and south, to be washed in the wa - ters, the

king - dom of God. Blest are they, oh, blest are
wa - ters of life. Blest are they, oh, blest are

they who eat bread in the king - dom, the king - dom of God.
they who are washed in the wa - ters, the wa - ters of life.

Presider God of holiness and mercy, in the dying and rising of Christ you have established a new covenant of reconciliation for us all. Cleanse our hearts and give us a new spirit, that by your saving grace we may live as your people, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

A Reading From Daniel: *Daniel 3:1-29*

King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire." Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have

made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?"

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary, and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god." Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them. Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way."

Sacred Song:

God Alone Be Praised
Silent reflection.

Zebulon Highben

Presider Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the word of salvation. By the grace of your Spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that, strengthened by your presence, we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

The Presentation

Presider Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ. Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all 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.

All Amen.

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

Presider I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess your faith.

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

All I renounce them.

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

All I renounce them.

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

All I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

All 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.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All 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.

Affirmation

Presider 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?

All I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

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

All We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Presider 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.

All Amen.

As we sing the following hymn, we will be sprinkled with baptismal water in remembrance of our own baptisms.

All are welcome to interact with the baptismal font.

Refrain
All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader



All

- 1 See that host all dressed in white,
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the
- 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
- 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All



Refrain
God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

The Door of Resurrection:*The presider knocks on the doors of the Chapel three times.**Presider*

Sin and death have power no more! The stone is rolled away! The tomb is empty! Christ has risen!

All

Christ has risen indeed!

The Chapel doors are opened.

Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen

¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó

Refrain/Estrillo



¡A - le - lu - ya! Cris - to re - su - ci - tó
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is a - ris - en.



de ma - dru - ga - da el do - min - go.
Bright is the dawn-ing of the Lord's day.



1 Fue - ron mu - jer - es al se - pul - cro.	La pie - dra, un
1 Run, faith - ful wom - en, to the grave - side.	Mar - vel, the
2 Rise, Mag - da - len - a, from your weep - ing;	Christ stands be -
3 Gath - er, dis - ci - ples, in the eve - ning;	sud - den - ly
4 Thom - as, where were you on that eve - ning?	“I’ll not be -



án - gel re - mo - vió;	les di - jo: “Ha re - su - ci -
stone is rolled a - way!	Hear from the an - gel, “He is
fore your ver - y eyes.	Quick - ly re - turn to the dis -
Christ your Lord ap - pears.	“Look, it is I, your wound - ed
lieve un - less I see.”	Christ comes a - gain, and ev - ’ry

Refrain/Estrillo



ta - do.”	Y al ir - se, les sa - lió el Se - ñor.
ris - en.”	Christ goes be - fore you all the way.
ci - ples;	bear the good news: “He is a - live.”
Sav - ior.	Peace be with you, and do not fear.”
Lord's day:	“Touch me and see; have faith in me.”

2 *La Magdalena fue a llorarlo
y Cristo se le apareció;
le pidió ir a sus hermanos
con un encargo que le dio.* Estribillo

3 *A los discípulos, de tarde,
Cristo también se presentó.
Les enseñó las cinco heridas;
dando la paz los saludó.* Estribillo

4 *Tomás no estaba en ese encuentro;
y ver, pidió, para creer.
Cristo volvió, le dijo: “Mira,
palpa mi herida y ten fe.”* Estribillo

Text: Luis Bojos, b. 1937; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

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A Reading From Romans: *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.

Reader Word of God, word of life.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Be Not Afraid

Jaques Berthier

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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Holy Gospel: *John 20:1-18*

Preacher The holy gospel according to John.

All 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 toward 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 around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” 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 yet 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.

After the Gospel:

Preacher The gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Preacher Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sermon

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Prayers of Intercession

Presider Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Presider Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is wrongly persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Where the church is trapped in buildings, release it. Guide us all to embody Christ’s love in the world. Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

Presider Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

Presider Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. We pray for Palestine, for Ukraine, and for the LGBTQIA2S+ community across the globe. Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

Presider Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Release from their tombs those that have been hidden away. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

Presider Loving God, we pray for this community of faith, an assemblage of many peoples and places, and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

Presider Transitioning God, we bring our eyes this Easter to gaze on the transgender community, to see trans people more clearly that we may love them and your image in them with more care. Guide us to sit at the feet of transgender people, that we might recognize the teachings of Christ in them. Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

Presider Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death *especially KJ and all loved by this community that now rest in you.* Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

Presider Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

All Amen.

Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

An offering is collected during the music in support of the work of Technicolor Ministries.



The Great Thanksgiving

Musical notation for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.'

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection
of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself
to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,
and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the
res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,
and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's
passover from death to life as we proclaim the
mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts
of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table
with your presence.

All Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of
the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for
the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

All Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider With *Ruth & Naomi, David & Jonathan,*
the Ethiopian and all your holy ones of all times
and places, with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O
God, blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

All Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Pater Noster

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Cantor

Our Fa - ther in heaven,
Hal-lowed be your Name. Your king-dom come. Your will be done on earth as in heav'n.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil.
For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Hymn Before Communion

Many Will Come

David Schwandt

1* 2

Man - y will come from east and west, and from
OR Man - y will come from east and west, and from

north and south, and will eat in the king - dom, the
north and south, to be washed in the wa - ters, the

king - dom of God. Blest are they, oh, blest are
wa - ters of life. Blest are they, oh, blest are

they who eat bread in the king - dom, the king - dom of God.
they who are washed in the wa - ters, the wa - ters of life.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It features two first endings: the first ending (marked 1*) concludes with a repeat sign, while the second ending (marked 2) concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words in italics to indicate phrasing or emphasis.

Presider Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

All are welcome at the table. We will commune by intinction, receiving the bread and dipping it in the wine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

All Amen.

Blessing

Presider The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

All Amen.

Sending Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Paul Z. Strodach

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring

in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the

an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal.

Presider Go in peace. Share the good news.
All Thanks be to God.

Thank you for joining us for worship this evening! This is the first organized worship service of Technicolor Ministries and we are grateful to have spent it with you. Today we especially celebrate those that joined us in our youth and adult confirmation programs: Alice, Jessica, Laura, Jennie, Pam Johnston, Katharine Barden, Frances Frey, and those affirming their baptism this evening, Rev. Sharolyn Browning, and Rev. J Mills. Please join us at the reception following the service in celebration of our confirmands and the resurrection of Jesus!

A special thanks to all who have lent their times or talents to this service by reading, making food for the reception, etc.



Technicolor Ministries is a community of faith for LGBTQIA2S+ people, those that love them, those that serve them, and those who are curious to learn more. We can be found online at www.technicolorministries.com, @TechnicolorMinistries on Facebook, Instagram, Threads, and TikTok, and in person on Sundays at churches around the Southwestern Texas Synod – check out socials to see where we’re going!

Upcoming Events

Texas Lutheran University Chapel – April 3 – 10 AM – Pastor Katy will preach for TLU Pride Month

Spirit in the Hills Lutheran Church, Spicewood, TX – April 7 – 10 AM – Let’s Build Preaching Tour

Eclipse Party – Canyon Lake – April 8, 12:30PM – Come, gaze in wide wonder, and bring snacks to share!

MacArthur Park Lutheran Church, San Antonio, TX – April 14 – 9:30 AM – Let’s Build Preaching Tour

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Marble Falls, TX – April 21 – 8:30 AM, 10:45 AM – Let’s Build Preaching Tour