

The Resurrection of our Lord
The Vigil of Easter —April 3, 2010

7:00 P.M. Service of Light, Readings,
Affirmation of Baptism, and Holy Communion

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting 6

The Rev. A. Elisabeth Aurand preaching and presiding



Welcome To Worship _____

Tonight we hear the stories of God's love for us, affirm our baptism, and come to the table for our first Easter Holy Communion. If you are here for the first time, please fill out the white visitor card in the pew so we may learn more about you.

This evening we commune by intinction, dipping the bread into the cup. Ushers will guide you into two lines. Please take the bread, turn and dip it into the cup. The second cup contains grape juice.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The congregation gathers outside before the new fire; each person is given a candle. The ministers come and stand among the people, bringing the torch.

THE GREETING

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

☑ **And also with you.**

THE INTRODUCTION

☐ Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming.

Let us pray.

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

☑ **Amen.**

The minister traces the inscription on the paschal candle.

☐ Christ yesterday and today,

She traces the sign of the cross.

the beginning and ending.

She traces the Greek letters Alpha and Omega.

To Christ belongs time

She indicates the first numeral.

and eternity;

She indicates the second numeral.

To Christ belongs glory

She indicates the third numeral.

and dominion

She indicates the fourth numeral.

now and forever. ☑ **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

☐ May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

We sing the following three times: at the door to the church, once inside the church, and as the paschal candle reaches its stand.



The assisting minister bearing the paschal candle leads the procession into the darkened church. All light their individual candles. When the paschal candle is placed in its stand, we sing:

THE HYMN OF LIGHT: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ 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.

☑ **Amen**

Handheld candles may be extinguished and placed in the baskets carried by the acolytes. The people are seated.

THE SERVICE OF READINGS

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Pat Brown

☐ The story of the Creation from Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So 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. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And 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, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So 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. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And 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. ²⁵God 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.

²⁶Then 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.”

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
 in the image of God he created them;
 male and female he created them.

²⁸God 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.”²⁹ 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And 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. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for reflection

Stand, as able

THE PRAYER

P Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

THE SECOND READING

Claudia Havelevitch

Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21

A The story of crossing the Red Sea from Exodus:

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians?’ For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” ¹³But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you

see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

¹⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷Then 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. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

¹⁹The 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. ²⁰It 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.

²¹Then 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. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At 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. ²⁵He 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.”

²⁶Then 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.” ²⁷So 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. ²⁸The 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. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 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.

^{15:20}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. ²¹And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

A The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection

Stand

THE SONG

The Lord Is My Strength

Paul Friesen-Carper

Refrain



1. a. I will sing to the LORD, who has triumphed gloriously,
b. throwing horse and rider in-¹ to the sea.
c. The LORD is my strength, my song, and¹ my salvation.
d. This is my God, whom I will praise, my father's God, whom I¹ will exalt.
 - a. The LORD is a warrior, the LORD¹ is God's name.
 - b. The LORD hurled Pharaoh's chariots and army in-¹ to the sea;
 - c. his chosen officers are drowned in¹ the Red Sea.
 - e. The floods covered them; they sank to the depths¹ like a stone. *Refrain*
2. a. Your right hand, O LORD, glo-¹rious in power—
b. your right hand, O LORD, shat-¹tered the enemy.
c. In the abundance¹ of your majesty
d. you over-¹threw your adversaries.
 - a. You sent forth your fury; it consumed¹ them like stubble.
 - b. At the blast of your nostrils the waters¹ were piled up,
 - c. the floods stood up¹ in a heap,
 - e. the deeps congealed in the heart¹ of the sea. *Refrain*
3. a. The enemy said, "I will pursue, I will overtake, I will di-¹vide the spoil.
b. My desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand¹ shall destroy them."
c. You blew with your wind, the sea¹ covered them.
d. They sank like lead in the¹ mighty waters.
 - a. Who is like you, O LORD, a-¹mong the gods?
 - b. Who is like you, majes-¹tic in holiness,
 - c. awesome in splendor,¹ working wonders?
 - e. You stretched out your right hand, the earth¹ swallowed them. *Refrain*
4. a. In your steadfast love you led the people whom¹ you redeemed.
b. You guided them by your strength to your ho-¹ly abode.
c. You brought them in and planted them on the mountain of your¹ own possession,
d. the place, O LORD, that you made¹ your abode.
5. a. The sanctuary, O LORD, that your hands¹ have established.
e. The LORD will reign forev-¹er and ever! *Refrain*

THE PRAYER

☩ 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.

☩ **Amen.**

Sit

THE THIRD READING

Isaiah 55:1–11

Frank Bania

☩ A reading from Isaiah:

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

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

²Why 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.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let 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.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
 and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
 making it bring forth and sprout,
 giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so 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.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for reflection

THE PRAYER

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Sit

THE FOURTH READING Daniel 3:1–29

Rick Guinness

A The story of the three men in the fiery furnace, from Daniel:

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. ²Then 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.

³So 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 King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, ⁴the herald proclaimed aloud, “You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, ⁵that 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. ⁶Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire.” ⁷Therefore, 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 worshipped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁸Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! ¹⁰You, 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, ¹¹and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. ¹²There 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.”

¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king. ¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar 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? ¹⁵Now 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?”

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. ¹⁷If 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. ¹⁸But 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.”

¹⁹Then 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, ²⁰and 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. ²¹So 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. ²²Because the king’s command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

²⁴Then 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.” ²⁵He 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.” ²⁶Nebuchadnezzar 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. ²⁷And 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. ²⁸Nebuchadnezzar 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. ²⁹Therefore 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.”

▣ The word of the Lord.

▣ **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for reflection

THE PRAYER

▣ 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.

▣ **Amen.**

Stand

THE SONG

Sing Out, Earth and Skies

Leader

D G D All Am⁷

1 Come, O God of all the earth: come to us, O
 2 Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with
 3 Come, O God of flash - ing light: twin - kling star and

Leader

F D D G D

Righ - teous One; come, and bring our love to birth:
 righ - teous - ness; teach us all to sing your name:
 burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:

All Am⁷

All Am⁷ F D

in the glo - ry of your Son.
 may our lives your love con - fess.
 in your light we all are one.

Refrain

D G/D D G/D D

Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who

A/D D G/D D

loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!

C Am⁷ D C Am⁷ D

Dance to the life a - round you!

The Affirmation Of Baptism

Sit

Introduction

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

- ☐ Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Stand

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses the assembly. They join in the responses.

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

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

Response:

- ☑ **I renounce them.**

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

Response:

- ☑ **I renounce them.**

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

Response:

- ☑ **I renounce them.**

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

- ☐ Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

- ☑ **I believe in Jesus Christ, 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 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.**

Affirmation of Faith

The presiding minister address the assembly.

- ☐ 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?

The assembly makes affirmation:

- ☑ **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

The minister addresses the assembly.

- ☐ People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?
- ☑ **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

- ☐ 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.
- ☑ **Amen.**

THE PEACE

- ☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

The ministers and people exchange a sign of God's peace.

Peace be with you ☑ Peace be with you.

During the Peace, the Easter paraments are revealed and the flowers placed in the chancel, the lights are raised, the banners are flown, and the people acclaim the Easter Gospel.

Stand

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

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☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

John's Gospel describes the confusion and excitement of the first Easter: the stone is moved, disciples race back and forth, and angels speak to a weeping woman. Then, Jesus himself appears.

☐ 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. ²So 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." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.'" ¹⁸Mary 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. ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

☐ Alleluia. Christ is risen. ☑ **Christ is risen indeed.**

Sit

Stand

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

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THE PRAYERS

A Hear us, O God.

C **your mercy is great.***Sit*

THE PARISH CONCERNS

The OFFERING is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.

THE BAND

Wade in the Water

African American spiritual, arr. Sowash

We welcome **Will Erik Visalga** to the Lord's Table for the first Communion.

Meal

Stand

THE OFFERTORY Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

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THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE INITIAL DIALOG

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.



THE INITIAL THANKSGIVING

THE HOLY

Page 173, front of hymnal

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

☐ Holy, living, and loving God, . . . both now and forever.

☑ **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please come forward by the center aisle for Communion as we sing:

LAMB OF GOD

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Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE HYMN

Blessing, Honor and Glory

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Stand

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☑ **Amen.**

The Sending

THE POST-COMMUNION SONG

Now, Lord

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

☐ Good Shepherd, . . . in the name of the risen Christ. ☑ **Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

☐ The Lord bless 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.

☑ **Amen**

THE DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace. Share the good news.

☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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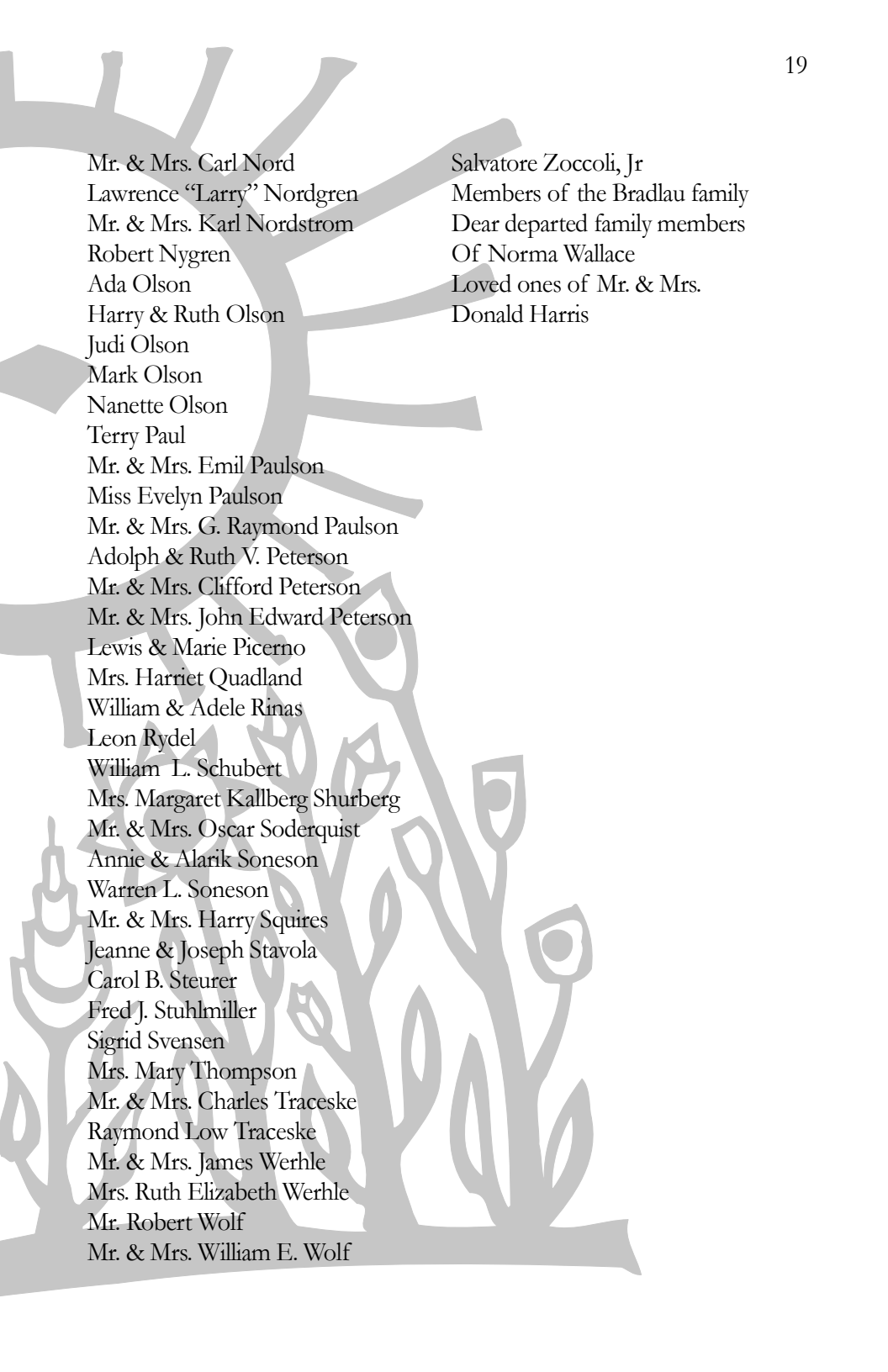
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Members of the Bradlau family
Dear departed family members
Of Norma Wallace
Loved ones of Mr. & Mrs.
Donald Harris

Please celebrate all Fifty Days of Easter with us!
 We celebrate Holy Communion
 every Sunday at 9:00 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Note: Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.

Crystal & Shawn Dubois (Pat Brown), the Johnson family (Pat Brown), Irene Lukasiewski (Pat Brown), Carter Elder, Barbara Miano (Tameka Kelley), Charlotte Wunsch (Tameka Kelley), the Johnson family grieving the loss of Cornell (E.J. Morehead), Laura Dion (Pat Brown), Lola, the Clark family (Pat Brown), the Dubois family (Pat Brown), Jasmine Santiago (Louis Sacco), James Foley, Cindy S., Flourine Macintosh (Lola Tucker), Latisha Francis Tucker (Lola Tucker), Wayne Lord (Pat Brown), Dean Lord (Pat Brown), Penny Kinney (Pat Brown), Joe Pavano (Cindy Pavano), Rose Huie (Pat Brown), Rita & Keenen Black (Pat Brown), Louis & Kaitlyn Sacco & Laura Hull mourning the death of Connor Reynolds, Kathy G. (Pat Brown), Lori (Pat Brown), Pat Hamilton (Gail Bates), Gale Anderson (Pat Brown), Karen, Donald, Maria P. (Pat Brown), Jamie Botteon & her family, Jesse, family & friends mourning the death of Nick Salza, Toby Salza.

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