



Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil

“Sharing the Shepherd’s Love With All of God’s Children”

**Saturday
March 31, 2018
5:00 p.m.**

Welcome to Holy Saturday Worship!

This is the night! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. Tonight is the heart of our celebration of the Three Days and the pinnacle of the church's year. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, welcome new sisters and brothers at the font, and share the food and drink of the Promised Land. Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection.

Gathering

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

PRELUDE – *We Gather in Silence*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Darkness has fallen,
darker than the void before creation;
Engulfing us
the Light has fled from our sight.
Yet, as we sit and mourn
waiting for the dawn of new hope,
weighted with doubt,
straining for a glimpse...

God sits with us.
God sits with us.

We walk in the world, a world gone mad,
through the void and darkness of brokenness.
In loneliness and pain we have watched evil take control,
fear eating at our hearts.
Watched as violent death claimed our teacher and leader,
Jesus.
Our hesitant cries winging their way to God,
we wait in darkness beside the tomb surrounded by grief.

Yet the Spirit of God hovers in the vastness, moving ever closer.
Ever nearer.
Bringing hope.
Bringing comfort.
Bringing Light.

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PROCESSION OF LIGHT

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:19
The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:2-5
The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:9
The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

**Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church
Worship Schedule**

Saturday

5 p.m. Heritage

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Festival

9:45 a.m. Celebrate!

11 a.m. Celebrate!

6 p.m. The Well

Wednesday

6:30 p.m.

Worship Notes

*Thank you for spending
this time in worship!*

Prior to worship you may find it helpful to bookmark the scripture readings in your pew Bible.

Large Print Bibles and bulletins are available from the ushers. If it is uncomfortable for you to stand during the service, please feel free to remain seated.

Children are always welcome to be part of worship, and the nursery is available if necessary.

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SCRIPTURE READING John 3:19

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:46

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

When last the church gathered here, we experienced the light of Christ taken from us as our Lord was put to death on the cross. Tonight we gather to celebrate the love of God that can overcome any darkness. We celebrate because we know that not even death itself can contain God's grace. May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

People of God, we have begun our solemn vigil, let us now listen to the word of God, recalling the acts throughout history by which God set people free; and how, in the fullness of time, God sent Jesus Christ to be our redeemer.

REFLECTION "In The Beginning"

LITANY FOR CREATION

In all our new beginnings, God creates something new...

So we will seek God.

In the freshness of the morning,

In the tiredness of the evening.

In the laughter of friends,

Through the tears of loved ones.

In the colors of creation,

In the grayness of uncertainty.

In the warmth of springtime sunshine,

In the chill of darkened times.

Lord God, King of Creation,

Open our eyes to see your presence,

Our souls to hear your calling,

And our hearts to feel your love. Amen.

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SONG "God of Wonders"

Verse 1: **Lord of all creation, Of water, Earth, and sky.
The Heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high.**

Chorus: **God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy,
The universe declares Your Majesty, You are holy, holy,
Leader: Lord of heaven and earth, All echo: Lord of heaven and earth
Leader: Lord of heaven and earth,**

Verse 2: **Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night. Chorus**

Bridge: All: Hallelujah Leader: To the Lord of Heaven and Earth (3x) Chorus

Chorus 2: **God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
Precious Lord reveal your heart to me, Father holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty, you are holy.**

Ending: **Hallelujah, to the Lord of Heaven and Earth (4x)**

REFLECTION “Abraham & Sarah’s Faithfulness”

PRAYER FOR FAITHFULNESS

Ever-faithful God, through Christ’s death and resurrection you fulfill your promise to Sarah and Abraham that you would increase your chosen people among all nations; may we respond to your call by joyfully accepting your invitation to newness of life.

Make us eager to learn to live as you need us to live. Set our hearts free so we may experience the freedom that accompanies faithful living. Fuel our desire to live fully in you. Amen.

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SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

LITANY OF PRAISE

The Lord is our strength and our might,
and he has become our salvation.

In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed;

You guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

The peoples heard, they trembled;

Terror and dread fell upon them; by the might of your arm, they became still as a stone.

You brought them in and planted them on the mountain of your own possession,
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hands have established.

The Lord will reign forever and ever.

Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously!

SONG “Shout to the Lord”

Verse: **My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.**

Chorus: **Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the
sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands;
Forever I’ll love You, forever I’ll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 55:1-11, 12:2-6 (*from The Message*)

Pastor Bob “Hey there! All who are thirsty, come to the water!

Men & Boys Are you penniless? Come anyway—buy and eat!

Women & Girls Come, buy your drinks, buy wine and milk. Buy without money—everything’s free!

Pastor Bob Why do you spend your money on junk food, your hard-earned cash on candy? Listen to me, listen well: Eat only the best, fill yourself with only the finest.

Men & Boys Pay attention, come close now, listen carefully to my life-giving, life-nourishing words. I’m making a lasting covenant commitment with you, the same that I made with David: sure, solid, enduring love.

Women & Girls I set him up as a witness to the nations, made him a prince and leader of the nations, and now I’m doing it to you:

Thank You for your ministry today!

Presiding
Pastor Bob Caranicas

Organist / Pianist
Vicki Martel

Vocalist
Peder Gulleson

Interpreter for the Deaf
Cori Quist
Available by request

“God of Wonders” words and music by Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong
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“Shout to the Lord” by Darlene Zschech © 1993 Hillsongs

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry by John Ylvisaker © 1985



Pastor Bob You'll summon nations you've never heard of, and nations who've never heard of you will come running to you because of me, your GOD, because The Holy of Israel has honored you."

Men & Boys **Seek GOD while he's here to be found, pray to him while he's close at hand.**

Women & Girls *Let the wicked abandon their way of life and the evil their way of thinking.*

Pastor Bob Let them come back to GOD, who is merciful, come back to our God, who is lavish with forgiveness.

Men & Boys **"I don't think the way you think.**

Women & Girls *The way you work isn't the way I work." This is GOD's Decree.*

Pastor Bob "For as the sky soars high above earth, so the way I work surpasses the way you work,

Men & Boys **and the way I think is beyond the way you think.**

Women & Girls *Just as rain and snow descend from the skies and don't go back until they've watered the earth,*

Pastor Bob Doing their work of making things grow and blossom, producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry,

Men & Boys **So will the words that come out of my mouth not come back empty-handed.**

Women & Girls *Yes, indeed - God is our salvation. We will trust and not be afraid.*

Pastor Bob GOD is our strength and song, best of all, our salvation! Joyfully you'll pull up buckets of water from the wells of salvation.

ALL **And as we do it, we'll say, "Give thanks to GOD.**

Pastor Bob Call out God's name. Ask God anything!

Men & Boys **Shout to the nations, tell them what God has done,**

Women & Girls *Spread the news of God's great reputation!*

Pastor Bob Sing praise-songs to GOD. God has done it all!

Men & Boys **Raise the roof! Sing your hearts out, O Zion! The Greatest lives among you.**

ALL **Let the whole earth know what God has done!**

PRAYER FOR GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Lord of light and life,

We gather today seeking fullness.

Not the fullness our world offers,

but fullness that comes from you.

We spend so much of our lives on things that do not count—

things that promise much and give little.

Help us now—today—to find fulfillment in your love.

May we discover all you have to give,

and seek You while we yet have the gift of days.

Lift us O God, to a higher plane of living,

as we lift our hearts and minds and souls into your Holy presence.

Amen! Make it so Lord! Amen!



SONG "Borning Cry"



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker
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CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

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.

BAPTISMAL WELCOME

Through Baptism God has made this child a partner in the ministry we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a partner in Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.



Ways to support GSLC's mission



In Person

Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate as it goes by.



Online

Scan the GSLC QR Code to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.



Kiosk

Visit our Giving Kiosk in the Lobby/Narthex to set up a one-time gift.



Text

Set up a one-time or recurring donation by texting the amount you wish to give to 701-205-3394.



Giving App

Download the 'GivePlus Church' to set up one-time or recurring donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone!

For more information please visit the church office or call Melanie at 701-255-1001



Thanksgiving

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Our offering is a significant act of worship, and we now worship God through our giving. The ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your partnership and generous giving.

HYMN OF PRAISE DURING OFFERING "Baptized & Set Free"



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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SCRIPTURE READING Romans 6:3–11 Please open your pew Bible to page
This is a culminating passage in Paul's letters about baptism as being incorporated into Christ in his death and resurrection.

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION "Take it to the Cross"

EASTER GOSPEL READING John 20:1–18

In John, from Jesus' death comes life: thus he was buried in a garden and, although at first not recognized by Mary, he manifests his identity to her and announces his ascension to God. Especially medieval Christians treasured this resurrection account for the tenderness suggested between Christ and the woman. The baptized life of the Christian was described as just such an encounter with the risen Christ in a well-watered garden.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Rejoice, all creation!

Let the heavenly chorus sing!

Jesus Christ, our light, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, the light of Christ will warm our autumn night. Christ has conquered!

Glory fills you! Darkness will vanish forever!

Rejoice, O church of God! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you!

Let this place resound with joy. Echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise you the eternal God, and your First-born, our Savior Jesus Christ.

For Christ is the true Passover lamb who at this feast has set your faithful people free.

This is the night when you saved the people of Israel from their slavery in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when the pillar of fire brought light to your wandering people.

This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from gloom, and are restored to grace, and grow together in fullness of life.

This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, Holy God, in the joy of this night, accept our evening sacrifice of praise, your church's solemn offering.

Accept this Easter candle, a flame divided but undimmed, a pillar of fire that glows to your honor.

Let it mingle with the lights of heaven and continue burning to lighten the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star find this flame still burning among us.

Christ is that Morning Star, who rises to shed your peaceful light on all creation.

Christ is now alive and glorified with all of God's children forever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.



Easter Worship

April 1
Easter Sunday
(Holy Communion
celebrated)

Sanctuary
7:00 am Easter
Sunrise Worship,
8:30 am, 9:45 am,
& 11:00 am

Lynne Center
8:45 am, 10:00 am
& 6:00 pm

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

REFLECTION “Resurrection”

SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS

The Peace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

BENEDICTION

We leave the light of this place and enter the darkness of our world waiting to hear again the Good News of the new morning. Go now with the light of Christ as your guide.

Amen.

Go in peace; serve the Risen Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SENDING HYMN “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, sts. 1-3
Music: EASTER HYMN, *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

POSTLUDE

