

Easter Vigil

April 4, 2021

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The Great Vigil of Easter is a celebration of the “Pascha” ~ the death and resurrection of our Lord. The Vigil, which began last night with the Services of Light, Readings, and Holy Baptism ~ continues now with the Services of Prayer, the Word, and the Sacrament.

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy.**

P: O Christ, **C: Have mercy.**

P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God.

C: Hear us.

P: Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Who foretold Your Passion saying: “The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,”

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: By Your victory over sin and death,

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: By the majesty of Your risen body,

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: We poor sinners implore You,

C: To hear us, Lord Jesus.

P: That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,

C: Grant us, good Lord.

P: That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,

C: Grant us, good Lord.

P: That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,

C: Grant us, good Lord.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world

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P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world

C: Grant us Your peace.

P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy.**

P: O Christ, **C: Have mercy.**

P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy. Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The lights in the church are turned on, and the bell is rung.

The altar candles are lit from the paschal candle.

HYMN OF PRAISE:	<i>This is the Feast</i>	LSB 155
SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY		LSB 156
ALLELUIA & VERSE		LSB 156
HOLY GOSPEL	St. Mark 16:1-8	LSB 157
HYMN:	<i>Awake, My Heart, with Gladness</i>	LSB 467
SERMON		
NICENE CREED		LSB 158

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Immanuel Lutheran Church is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive, along with the bread and the wine, our Savior's true body and blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins." Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this sacrament, all those who commune make a confession of the faith as we believe and teach in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. **ALL GUESTS** who desire to receive the Lord's Supper are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		LSB 161
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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD		LSB 162
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DISTRIBUTION		
	<i>He Is Arisen! Glorious Word</i>	LSB 488
	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing</i>	LSB 475
	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>	LSB 461
CLOSING COLLECT		
BENEDICTION		LSB 166
HYMN:	<i>Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds</i>	LSB 465

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