

**+Part FOUR—The Holy Eucharist**  
**April 4, 2026**

**▲ Entrance Hymn**      “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”      **ELW #367**  
*(please turn and follow the cross in procession or remain seated as your body allows)*

**▲ Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**▼ Reading: Romans 6:3-11**

*We were incorporated into the death of Jesus Christ in baptism and so were liberated from the dominion of sin. We also anticipate that we will be incorporated into the resurrection of Christ and so will be liberated from the hold death has over our mortal bodies.*

<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**▲ Gospel Acclamation** *(please stand to welcome the Gospel and turn to follow the cross in procession or remain seated as your body allows)*

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## ▲ Gospel: John 20:1-18

*This morning begins with confusion: the stone has been moved and the tomb is empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.*

The Holy Gospel according to John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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.” <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.” <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>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.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>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.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ▼ Sermon

Pr. Jess Felici

## ▲ Hymn of the Day

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

ELW #365

## Prayers of the Church *(please kneel or sit as you are able)*

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

### ▲ The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**  
*(share God's peace with one another and then be seated)*

### Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### ▼ Gathering of Gifts

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

### ▼ Anthem

"We Have Seen the Risen Lord"

Pethel

Choir

### ▲ Offertory

"We Are an Offering"

ELW #692

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a 7/8 time signature. It consists of eight lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." There are some musical notations such as slurs, ties, and a triplet of eighth notes in the first line.

### ▲ Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful God, **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## ▲ The Great Thanksgiving

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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line 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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## ▲ Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
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## ▲ Thanksgiving at the Table

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:

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

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.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

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.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With 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.

**Amen.**

## ▲ Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

**▲ Invitation to Communion**

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

**▲ Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**▼ Distribution of Communion**

*Communion will be served by intinction. Please come down the center aisle, receive the host in your hand then dip it in the chalice and return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. If you desire to receive communion in your pew, please alert an usher.*

- ▼ Anthem "The Lord of Glory Lives" Pethel Choir
- ▼ Communion Hymn "I Am the Bread of Life" ELW #485

**▲ Table Blessing**

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

### ▲ Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Holy One, **through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### ▲ Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ▲ Sending Hymn

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"  
*(please face the cross in procession)*

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### ▲ Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR EASTERFEST** following the service. Enjoy food and fellowship in Fellowship Hall, located in the lower level of the All Saints Parish House. For easier access, a ramp is available at the side door next to the community parking lot.

### Serving this Night

**Preaching:** Pastor Jess Felici      **Presiding:** Pastor Jason Felici

**Director of Music:** Debbie Morley

**Liturgical Deacons:** Karen Clair, Kathe Houck

**Ushers:** Don & Kasha Loveridge, Kaia L., Tom & Beth Dlugos,  
Susan Vargo

**Acolytes:** Kaden S., Mallory H., Jessica G., Allie G., Autumn G., Peyton I.

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND** are dedicated to the Glory of Our Risen Lord, in honor of Mark & Carol Reiner for their 63rd wedding anniversary, given by David, Carol, Kayla, Steve, Josh, Victoria, and Olivia Reiner and Don, Karen, Nathan, and Drew Clair.

**THE TOMB AND EASTER CROSS** in the Schock Courtyard are dedicated to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the gift of his only son Jesus and his promise of eternal life! In memory of all who have entered the Church Triumphant since last Easter, given by Mark and Kathy Jones.

**THE 2026 PASCHAL CANDLE** is dedicated in memory of all who have joined the church triumphant from Trinity this past year. "Eternal rest grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them."

**OUR GREAT THANKS** to all who have worked so wonderfully to make this evening an inspiration and joy. God bless you! Join us for worship tomorrow at 8:15am & 10:45am.

## God's Big Story Holding Our Little Stories

Easter Vigil is a special night. A moment for some of the greatest stories of our faith heritage unfurled in one setting. In hearing these stories, we connect with the heart of our own faith story.

As the people of God, we have through history ached in suffering, celebrated in praise, begged for help, offered generous service, and in general led lives full to the brim. The stories of Easter Vigil remind us of the range of faithful moments, including both joy and desolation. Witnessing these ancient stories, we discover anew how God's great story is for us. These stories are indeed our stories.

God brings us through fire and water, out of death and night, welcoming us into the light of life. This night we light a new Christ candle from a new fire. By the light of that flame we gather to remember who we are and where we have come from. We gather at the baptismal font, giving thanks for water that is a sign of death to sin and rebirth into eternal life and for the fire of the Spirit, animating ashes and dry bones. Tonight we remember how on the first Easter Christ welcomed Mary: calling her by name, bringing her out of weeping into the joyous light of Easter morning.

Through the drama of Easter Vigil, our communities of faith are invited to honest reflection and real renewal. On this night we remember that God's great story holds all of our little stories: the joy and fear of a new baby, changing jobs, cancer, celebrating friendship, waiting for new faith to emerge. All of us are written into God's ongoing and welcoming narrative of passionate grace and service.

