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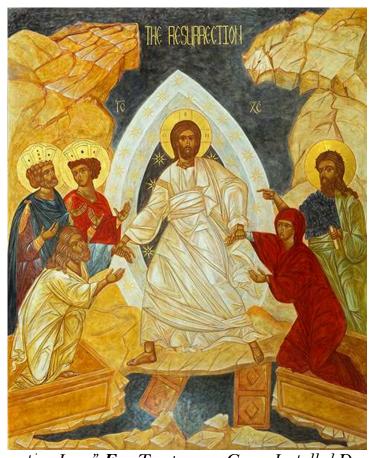
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The Great Vigil of Easter April 8, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Welcome - The Rev. Canon Mark Asman

The Kindling of the New Fire

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the people in these or similar words:

P: Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

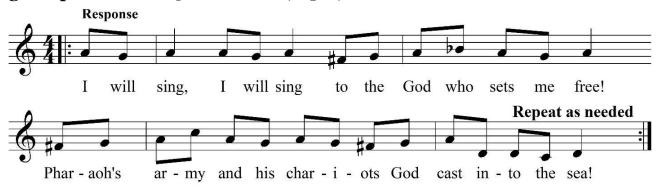
Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea – Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 – told by Pastor Julie Morris

Song Response – "Song of Miriam" (Soper)



Text adapted from Exodus 15 by Scott Soper.

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The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The inscription on the paschal candle is traced.

P: Christ, yesterday and today, Ψ the beginning and the ending. A Ω

To Christ belongs all time 2 and all the ages; 0 to Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever. 3

C: Amen.

THE PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH



The presiding minister lights the paschal candle, using a stick or taper from the fire. The candles of the congregation are also lit, and the Paschal candle is processed into the church, pausing 3 times to say:

P: The light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.



The Exsultet

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then the music minister, standing near the Candle, sings or says the Exsultet:

M: Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



A - men.]

M: Let us pray.

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

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

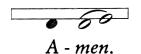
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



The Introduction

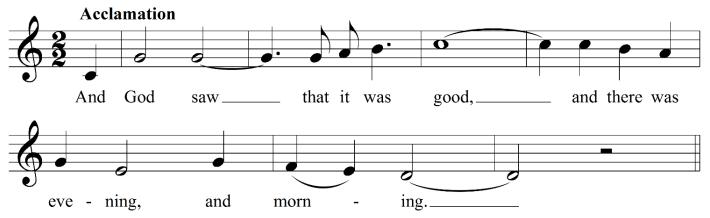
C:

P: Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

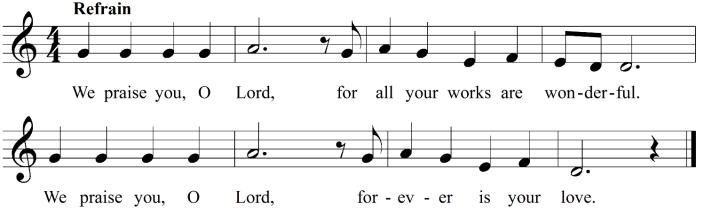
The people are seated.



The Story of Creation – Genesis 1:1-2:3 – told by Paul Amendt



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Silence follows.

Collect

P: Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Salvation Offered Freely to All – Isaiah 55:1-11 – read by Karen Gundelfinger

God's great invitation is universally extended to all people to receive his free gift of salvation. Listen now for the word of God:

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. 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.

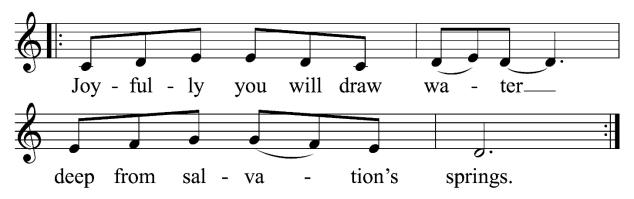
Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. 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, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 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.

- L: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Song Response – "Joyfully You Will Draw Water" (Psallite) – repeat as directed



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Silence follows.

Collect

P: Let us pray.

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

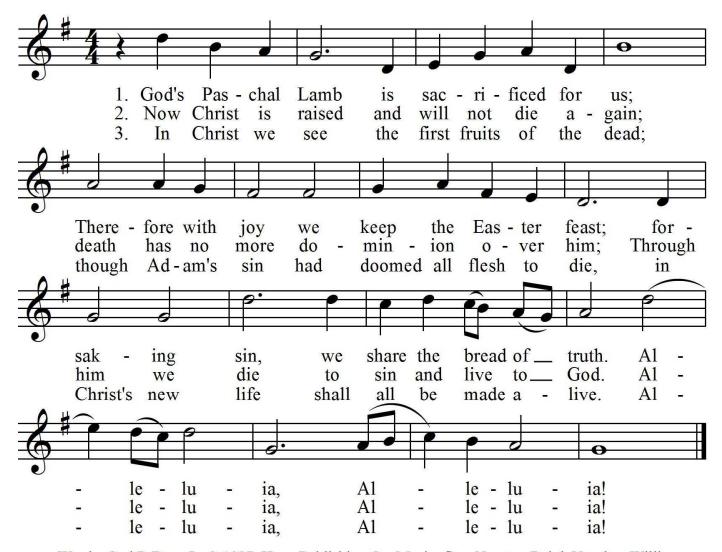
C: Amen.

THE GOSPEL OF EASTER

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn of Praise - "God's Paschal Lamb" (Daw/SINE NOMINE)



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Collect for the Vigil of Easter

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

C: Amen.



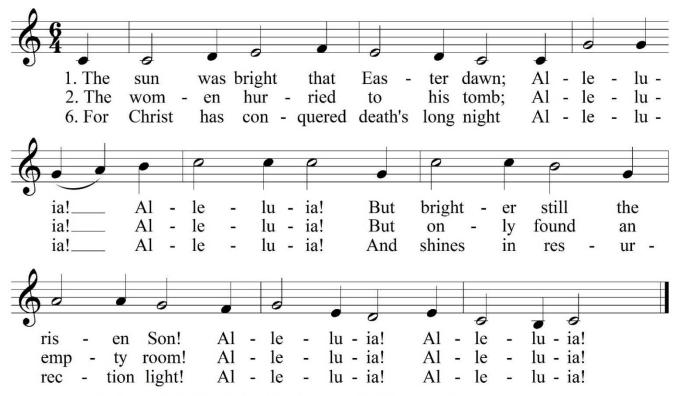
New Testament Lesson – Romans 6:3-11 – read by Paul Kistler

Paul's focus is on the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, and baptism's link to this saving act. Through the sacrament we come to regard ourselves as dead to sin and alive to God. Listen now for the word of God:

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.

- L: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn – "The Sun Was Bright that Easter Dawn" (Stuempfle/PUER NOBIS) – Verses 1, 2 & 6



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Tune: PUER NOBIS, LM; adapt by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621.

Gospel – Matthew 28:1-10 – read by Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson

Two of Jesus' disciples encounter him after he is raised from the dead. Our Lord promises that he will meet his followers in Galilee.

D: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

D: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

P: Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic* Church.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

- P: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
- C: I do.
- P: Do you believe in God the Father?
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

- P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C: 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.
- P: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- C: I will, with God's help.
- P: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- C: I will, with God's help.

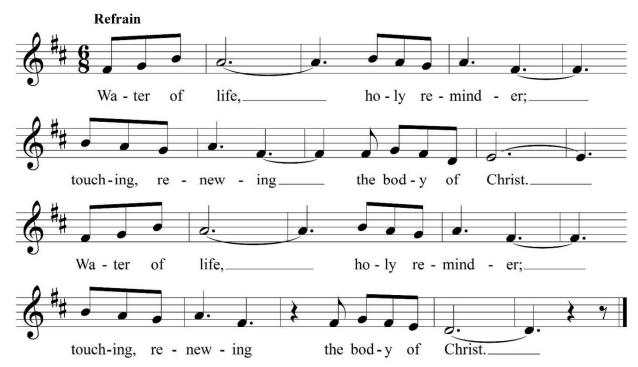
^{* &}quot;Catholic" here means "universal"; it refers to the whole or universal Christian church in all times and places.

- P: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- C: I will, with God's help.
- P: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- C: I will, with God's help.
- P: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- C: I will, with God's help.

Thanksgiving over the Water

(The Congregation is sprinkled with water as a reminder of their Baptism.)

Song during Sprinkling – "Water of Life" (Cortez) – repeat as directed



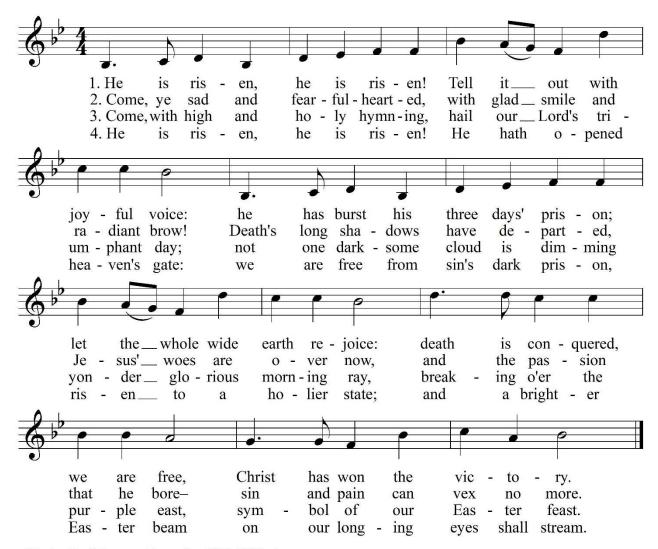
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- P: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- C: Amen.

Peace

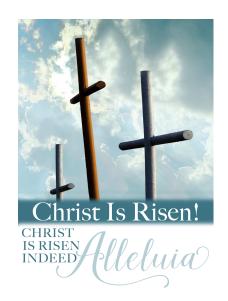
- P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

Offertory – # 180 – "He Is Risen, He Is Risen!"



Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895, alt.

Music: UNSER HERRSCHER (87. 87. 77), Joachim Neander, 1650-1680.



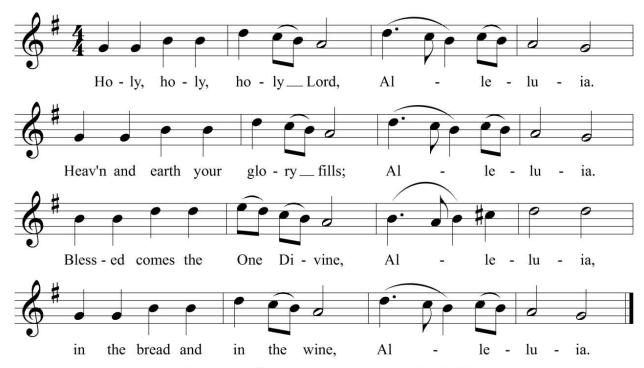
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Eucharistic Prayer (adapted from Wells and Kocher)

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: Thanks and praise fill our hearts, O God, for you are the Lord of creation and new creation, of covenant and new covenant. You brought your people out of slavery, to freedom in the Promised Land, and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life.

And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:



Music: Robert Williams, LLANFAIR (77. 77 with Alleluias).

P: Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in you. Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your children may be blessed with power and grace, and that this bread and cup may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

- C: Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.
- P: Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God, for you have rolled away the stone of despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief, the stone of death, the stone of sin, the stone of fear. Come and stand among us and breathe on us your eternal life, that all who labor, all who stumble, all who hunger, and all who fall, shall meet you in the breaking of the bread and be lifted up by your touch.

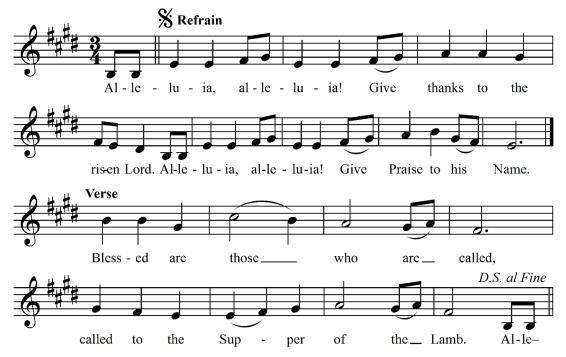
Shape your church to be your risen body; make our scars beautiful like your scars, make our lives life-giving like your life, and make our communion holy with your saints, until you come again in glory and we eat with you in your kingdom. Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, ever one God.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

- P: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
- C: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem



Music: Donald Fishel, ALLELUIA No. 1 (8 8 and refrain); arr. Betty Pulkingham.

The Invitation

P: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ushers will release you by pew. Please come forward. The Presider will be in the center of the aisle with the communion bread. After you receive it in your hand, go to the communion wine table on the side you are seated. There will be wine and grape juice clearly marked and a Eucharistic Minister to help you. After you have received your communion wine, please return by the side aisle to your pew.

Post-Communion Prayer

C: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Easter Blessing

Dismissal

- D: Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
- C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.



Sending Song – "Christ, Be Our Light" (Farrell)



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Postlude – Brett Hanley

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Ushers: Marjo Gardner, George Anderson, and Lyle Hyde Lectors: Paul Amendt, Karen Gundelfinger, Paul Kistler

Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Miller Communion Assistant: Bob Waite

Easter Sunday Schedule

Camarillo United Methodist Church - 9:15 a.m.

(in person and livestreamed)
Share in the season's message of love, hope and transformation.
Easter Egg Hunt and reception to follow.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church - 9:30 a.m.

(in person and livestreamed)

Celebrate the joy of the resurrection with festive worship, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children and Easter breakfast for all.

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St. Columba's Episcopal Church - 9:30 a.m. (in person and livestreamed)

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Festive Coffee Hour.

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