

Where Two or Three are Gathered: Worship for Small Assemblies

Good Friday through the 7th Sunday of Easter 2022

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Planning Notes for Leaders**Introduction****Good Friday and the Easter Vigil**

The Triduum or Great Three Days are the principal days of worship of the entire liturgical calendar. On these three days the assembly moves with Jesus through the drama of the passover and last supper meal on Maundy Thursday, to the betrayal, trial and crucifixion on Good Friday, finally to the great joy of the resurrection celebration at the Vigil.

Season of Easter***From Sundays and Seasons***

What is Easter anyway? Christians consider Easter to be the "first day." From Easter comes the practice of worshiping on Sunday morning. It is the first day of the week. It is also the first day of new creation, sometimes called the "eighth day" of the week, for on it Christ restored the image of God in the human and in so doing also brought restoration and renewal to all of creation. The Easter season proceeds from and celebrates this first day. In the resurrected Christ, there is time after the end, life after death, restoration of what was broken, the brightening of what had gone dark. In the fifty days of Easter, Christian communities around the world strive to worship God in a way that illustrates that the body of Christ lives now in the heavenly places and also in the gathered body in the world. Worship is where heaven and earth meet.

Season and Lectionary

Good Friday is the middle day of the Triduum or the Great Three Days. Good Friday worship neither begins nor ends. Instead, the service picks up with Psalm 23 from Maundy Thursday the night before and pauses for silent prayer before the cross before resuming at the Great Vigil of Easter. Following the suggested order from Evangelical Worship or a more pared down order in Tenebrae style, breaking up the Passion Reading with hymns is recommended.

The Vigil is the third and climactic day of the Triduum or the Great Three days. The vigil begins after sundown on Holy Saturday around the new fire. There the deacon or cantor sings the exsultet, the Bishop or presider blesses and numbers the new paschal candle for the year and the assembly processes into the worship space to hear the 12 readings from the people of Israel. The readings may be presented in a variety of ways through dramatic reading, dance, art or other creative means. Then the assembly hears again the promises made in baptism and is aspurged with green boughs. Then the resurrection Gospel is proclaimed often followed by the

Easter Homily of St. John of Chrysostom or another appropriate Easter message. The assembly then gathers around the Eucharist Feast to celebrate the resurrection until the first light of dawn. A full Vigil celebration is often not possible, and so parts and pieces of the vigil liturgy are often adapted for use in local congregations. The vigil is good opportunity to join with other congregations and ecumenical partners for worship.

The first 3 Sundays of Easter begin with the celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. Each Sunday the gospel lesson returns the assembly to the morning of the resurrection. The early church understood the whole season of Easter to be one great day of celebration spread over 7 weeks. And so Easter Sunday was just the first of a long celebration lasting the entire season.

The second half of the Season of Easter begins on the 4th Sunday of Easter known as Good Shepherd Sunday. While the day continues with the themes and seasonal elements of the first 3 weeks, the attention of the readings turns from recounting the stories of Easter Day to looking ahead to the creation of the new Easter community called the Church on Pentecost.

Seasonal visuals and music

The colour for Good Friday is nothing. No vestments or paraments are used. While black has been used for this day, the association of black with negative or difficult stories in the church connects with negative racial undertones. Besides, as the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday, the unadorned chancel and liturgical leaders offer a more striking visual than black colours. The one exception might be to adorn the cross in black cloth to bear the symbol of a burial shroud.

The colour for the Sunday in the season of Easter is white

The hymns of Good Friday should reflect the solemn character of the day and in no case should Easter hymns be sung.

The hymns throughout the season of Easter should be taken from the Easter canon, though selections from other parts of the hymnbook should be added to expand the hymnody of the season.

Seasonal variations on the liturgy

In the opposite of Lent and Advent, it is appropriate to omit the Kyrie during Easter to emphasis the hymn of praise and the celebratory nature the season.

The Nicene Creed is used in Easter.

As a primary Easter theme is our resurrection in the waters of baptism, it is appropriate to use the Thanksgiving for Baptism through the season of Easter.

Suggested Order for Good Friday

GATHERING (ELW p. 262)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 262)

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 22

Isaiah 52:13–53:12;

Hebrews 10:16-25;

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 (alternate);

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame,* and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb. 12:2)

GOSPEL: John 18:1--19:42

For the gospel reading formatted for readers theatre see:

www.lectionarypage.net/Resources/PassionGospelsInParts.html

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - *Oh Sacred Head Now Wounded* (ELW 351)

BIDDING PRAYER (ELW p. 263)

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS (ELW p. 264)

All depart in silence

Resurrection of Our Lord: Vigil of Easter, Year C (Saturday, April 16, 2022)

Introduction

This is the night of salvation!

Through the ages at the Great Vigil of Easter, Christians have gathered around fire, word,

water, bread, and wine; proclaiming through story and song that ours is a God who continuously brings life out of death. On this night we experience again the heart of God's baptismal promise — the center of our faith. We are claimed and cleansed, renewed in the death and resurrection of Christ. We gather with all the saints of every time and place to celebrate the good news: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

Dear friends 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 proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

Prayer of the Day

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.

The fire is lit

First Reading: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

Response:

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 OR

(ELW 715, chorus only)

Sung or spoken

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Second Reading: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Response: Psalm 46

Third Reading: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Third Response: Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18

Fourth Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Fourth Response: Isaiah 12:2-6

Fifth Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Fifth Response: Psalm 42-43

Sixth Reading: Jonah 1:1--2:1

Sixth Response: Jonah 2:2-3 [4-6] 7-9

Deliverance belongs to the LORD. (Jon. 2:9)

²I called to the LORD out of my distress, and you I answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you I heard my voice.

³**You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood sur- | rounded me;
all your waves and your billows passed | over me. R**

[⁴Then I said, "I am driven away I from your sight;
how shall I look again upon your I holy temple?"

⁵**The waters closed in over me; the deep sur- | rounded me;
weeds were wrapped around my head ⁶at the roots | of the mountains.**

I went down to the land whose bars closed upon I me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O I LORD my God.

] ⁷**As my life was ebbing away, I remem- | bered the LORD;
and my prayer came to you, into your | holy temple.**

⁸Those who wor- I ship vain idols
forsake I their true loyalty.

⁹**But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacri- | fice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs | to the LORD! R**

Seventh Reading: Daniel 3:1-29

Seventh Response: Isaiah 61:2-4, 9-11

New Testament Reading: Romans 6:3-11

Gospel Acclamation (ELW 176)

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Gospel: John 20:1-18

Hymn

ELW 364 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

ELW 361 The Day of Resurrection (V. 1, 4)

Prayers of Intercession

Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need....

(10 seconds of silence)....

Holy God, you have made us alive and redeemed us through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to proclaim with the apostles that we have seen the Lord.

Risen Christ,

our hope lives in you.

Holy God, you formed creation and called it good. You bless the earth, its creatures, and its vegetation. Guide us to be proper stewards of all that you have made.

Risen Christ,

our hope lives in you.

Holy God, you promise justice for all and peace in the nations. Raise up advocates and just rulers to guide all levels of government so that no one lives in fear. Motivate your people to work for the protection of those who live in war-torn areas.

Risen Christ,

our hope lives in you.

Holy God, you hear the cries of those in need. You befriend the lonely, nourish the hungry, raise up the lowly, offer rest for the busy, bring peace to the war-torn and suffering, pardon the imprisoned, and heal the sick. Thank you for hearing us as we lift before you those we know who need you, either aloud or silently (pause.)

Risen Christ,

our hope lives in you.

Holy God, you perform wonders in our midst. By your Holy Spirit you grant every good gift to the baptized. Open our hearts and minds so that all may be united with Christ in his resurrection.

Risen Christ,

our hope lives in you.

Holy God, you speak to us through ancestors in the faith. Show us through the example of the faithful departed that Christ is the true light that enlightens the world.

Risen Christ,
our hope lives in you.

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God.

Easter Day, April 17, 2022

Lectionary

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18
(white)

Hymn Suggestions

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (ELW 365, LBW 151)
Thine is the Glory (ELW 376)
Awake, my heart with Gladness (ELW 378, ELW 129)
The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done (ELW 366, LBW 135)

Prayer of the Day (sundaysandseasons.com)

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Our hearts I burn within us* while you open to I us the scriptures. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)

Second Sunday in Easter April 24, 2022

Lectionary:

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 118:14-29

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

(white)

Hymn Suggestions:

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (ELW 363, LBW 132)

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright (ELW 384)

The Risen Christ (ELW 390)

Soon and Very Soon (ELW 439)

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen (ELW 548)

Prayer of the Day

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Third Sunday in Easter, May 1, 2022

Lectionary:

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Psalms 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

(white)

Hymn Suggestions

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! (ELW 382)

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing (ELW 389)

I Know that My Redeemer Lives (ELW 619)

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW 843)

Prayer of the Day

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Order for Holy Communion Service for the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of Easter

The Holy Communion liturgy is for use when an Ordained Pastor or Authorized Lay Minister is present to preside

Gathering

Thanksgiving for Baptism (ELW p.97, or as printed below-ACS form D)

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We need water to drink.

We need water to drink.

We need water to wash.

We need water to wash.

We need water to grow.

We need water to grow.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.

We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water.

Amen, with water.

Amen, with water.

Gathering Hymn
Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading,

Psalm

Second Reading,

Gospel Acclamation

Use ELW 174 Celtic Alleluia, repeat 2 times if no cantor for verses)

Gospel

Sermon/Reflection

Hymn of the Day

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Share the Peace

Offering

Meal

Offering prayer (from Sundays and Seasons):

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table (from Sundays and Seasons)

The Lord be with you

And also 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.

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 Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and hearth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command
His life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
And the promise of his coming again,
We give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
Not as we ought but as we are able;
We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
And with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
And these your own gifts of bread and wine,
So that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
May be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
And, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
May be formed to live as your holy people
And be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son and. Holy Spirit,
Be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Communion

Invitation to Communion (from Sundaysandseasons.com)

The risen Christ dwells with us here.

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Prayer after Communion (from Sundaysandseasons.com)

Wellspring of joy,

through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.

Satisfy the hunger still around us,

and send us as joyful witnesses,

that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing (from Sundaysandseasons.com)

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Dismissal (Sundaysandseasons.com)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Order for Service of the Word for 2nd and 3rd Sundays of Easter

Call to Worship (optional)

Let us sing....

Praise be to God!

Who dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.

Praise be to God!

Who did not turn back in the face of evil and death.

Praise be to God!

Who continues to dance through our lives even now.

Let all that have breath sing praise to God.

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Thanksgiving for Baptism (ELW p. 97 or below)

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God,
for you created the waters of the earth:
wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

Here particular bodies or sources of water may be named.

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.

Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.

You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism.

Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Greeting

Kyrie or Cantic of Praise (Sundaysandseasons.com)

Cantic of Praise

A cantic of praise may be sung or spoken.

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Use ELW 174 Celtic Alleluia, repeat 2 times if no cantor for verses)

Gospel

Sermon/Reflection

Hymn

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering

Thanksgiving for the Word (ELW p.220) OR below (written by Deacon Michelle Collins)

Praise be to the Living Word. You spoke into the darkness and called for light. You called people out of captivity and led into freedom. You took on the pain and suffering of humanity. You transformed death so that all might live.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise be to the Living Word. You spoke to and through ancestors and prophets, priests and kings. You called forth men and women, young and old, to be messengers of your promises and shepherds to your people. You spoke words of comfort and conviction to your disciples and commissioned them to share the Good News.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

As we gather to dwell in the words and stories of our faith, we join our voices with the voices of Mary Magdalene and Peter, with Thomas and those walking on the road to Emmaus, whose hearts were stirred and lives transformed as they encountered the Resurrection. Together with the whole cloud of witnesses, we praise you for the Risen Word, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer (ELW p.221)

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

(from Sundaysandseasons.com)

Sending Hymn

Dismissal

Fourth Sunday in Easter May 8th, 2022 (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Lectionary:

Acts 9:36-43;

Psalm 23;

Revelation 7:9-17;

John 10:22-30

(White)

Hymn Suggestions:

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! ELW 385

Blessing and honor ELW 854

You satisfy the hungry heart ELW 484, WOV 711

Have no fear, little flock ELW 764, LBW 476, LS 171

The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 502

The Lord's My Shepherd ELW 778

Prayer of the Day

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Fifth Sunday in Easter May 15th, 2022

Lectionary:

Acts 11:1-18;

Psalm 148;

Revelation 21:1-6;

John 13:31-35

(White)

Hymn Suggestions:

Now all the vault of heaven resounds ELW 367

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death ELW 452

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! ELW 377, WOV 674,

Where charity and love prevail ELW 359, LBW 126

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing ELW 389

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sixth Sunday in Easter May 22nd, 2022

Lectionary:

Acts 16:9-15;

Psalms 67;

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5;

John 14:23-29;

John 5:1-9 (alternate)

(White)

Hymn Suggestions:

Come down, O Love divine ELW 804

Love divine, all loves excelling ELW 631

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! ELW 377, WOV 674,

When peace like a river ELW 785

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing ELW 389

My life flows on in endless song ELW 763, WOV 781

Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Seventh Sunday in Easter May 29th, 2022

Lectionary:

Acts 16:16-34;

Psalms 97;

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;

John 17:20-26

(White)

Hymn Suggestions:

Rise, O Sun of righteousness ELW 657

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ELW 392, LBW 158

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! ELW 377, WOV 674,

Thine the amen ELW 826, WOV 801

One bread, one body ELW 496

Crown him with many crowns ELW 855

Son of God, eternal Savior ELW 655, LBW 364

Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Suggested Order for Holy Communion for 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Sundays in Easter

Order for Holy Communion

Gathering

Gathering with Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.

You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

Amen.

Greeting
Hymn of Praise
Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
Gospel Acclamation
Use ELW 175 Gospel Acclamation, repeat 3 times

Gospel Readings

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

ELW p. 105 offers helpful guidelines for crafting prayers from the assembly

Peace

Offering

Meal

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE for Easter (from Sundays and Seasons)

Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Prayer after Communion for Easter (from Sundays and Seasons)

Let's us pray,
We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Sending

Blessing

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

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Sending Hymn

Dismissal

Suggested Order for Service of the Word for the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th Sundays of Easter

Gathering

Gathering with Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,

through the city,
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

Amen.

Greeting

Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Use ELW 175 Gospel Acclamation, repeat 3 times

Gospel Readings

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

ELW p. 105 offers helpful guidelines for crafting prayers from the assembly

Peace

Offering

Thanksgiving for Word for Easter (written by The Rev. Erik Parker)

Let us pray.

Alleluia Christ is Risen. From the beginning of the world, there was a cross in your heart O God: You brought to life all that grows, flies, swims and crawls upon the earth.

For your Risen Word, O Lord.

we give you thanks and praise.

Alleluia Christ is Risen. From Abraham's call to slavery in Egypt, from wilderness to promised land, from captivity in exile to return home, you journey with your chosen people O God: In the covenant and promises given to Israel, you call all nations to faith.

For your Risen Word, O Lord.

we give you thanks and praise.

Alleluia Christ is Risen. Through the One who suffered the cross and grave, you transformed death for all: forgiveness, grace and mercy ushered forth from an empty tomb and given for all.

For your Risen Word, O Lord

we give you thanks and praise.

On this great day of the resurrection, you grant us the Spirit of Life: Raise in us your gifts of faith, hope and love for all creation, brought forth for a dying world. With Mary Magdalene and Peter, and all the witnesses to the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we pray to you O God, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour, glory, praise and might, forever and ever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Sending

Blessing

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

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Sending Hymn

Dismissal

Fourth Sunday in Easter May 8th, 2022 (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Lectionary:

Acts 9:36-43;

Psalm 23;

Revelation 7:9-17;

John 10:22-30

(White)

Hymn Suggestions:

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! ELW 385

Blessing and honor ELW 854

You satisfy the hungry heart ELW 484, WOV 711

Have no fear, little flock ELW 764, LBW 476, LS 171

The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 502

The Lord's My Shepherd ELW 778

Prayer of the Day

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Fifth Sunday in Easter May 15th, 2022

Lectionary:

Acts 11:1-18;

Psalm 148;

Revelation 21:1-6;

John 13:31-35

(White)

Hymn Suggestions:

Now all the vault of heaven resounds ELW 367

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death ELW 452

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! ELW 377, WOV 674,

Where charity and love prevail ELW 359, LBW 126

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing ELW 389

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sixth Sunday in Easter May 22nd, 2022

Lectionary:

Acts 16:9-15;

Psalm 67;

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5;

John 14:23-29;

John 5:1-9 (alternate)

(White)

Hymn Suggestions:

Come down, O Love divine ELW 804

Love divine, all loves excelling ELW 631

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! ELW 377, WOV 674,

When peace like a river ELW 785

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing ELW 389

My life flows on in endless song ELW 763, WOV 781

Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Seventh Sunday in Easter May 29th, 2022

Lectionary:

Acts 16:16-34;

Psalm 97;

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;

John 17:20-26

(White)

Hymn Suggestions:

Rise, O Sun of righteousness ELW 657
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ELW 392, LBW 158
Alleluia! Jesus is risen! ELW 377, WOV 674,
Thine the amen ELW 826, WOV 801
One bread, one body ELW 496
Crown him with many crowns ELW 855
Son of God, eternal Savior ELW 655, LBW 364

Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.