

Saint Athanasius Lutheran Church

April 4, 2026

The Great Vigil of Easter

Communion Liturgy, Divine Service, Setting One (p. 160ff)

Hymns

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Readings

Genesis 1:1 - 2:2

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

Exodus 14:10 - 15:1

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Job 19:20-27

Zephaniah 3:12-20

Daniel 3:1-30

Romans 6:3-11

Mark 16:1-8

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Service of Baptismal Remembrance

P On this holiest of nights, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls His death and burial, rejoicing with great joy in the Gospel of His glorious and mighty resurrection from the dead. The apostle Paul says:

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now 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. For 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. (Romans 6:3-11)

P Let us pray:

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your righteous judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all.

You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism.

Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold us all according to Your boundless mercy and bless us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam and which we ourselves have committed since, would be drowned and die.

Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The congregation stands for it is no small thing to renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways. We stand behind and in solidarity and unity with one another against the evil one.

P Do you renounce the devil?

C Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life (†) everlasting. Amen.

P: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life (†) everlasting.

C Amen.

Peace be with you!

C Amen.

The 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 have 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,
C **Have mercy on us.**

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.**