

The service begins with the following invitation.

EASTER GREETING - <Name>

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

MORNING HYMN

An alleluia, a morning hymn, or a seasonal hymn appropriate to the time of day is sung.

PSALM - <Name>

Silence

PSALM PRAYER

The psalm prayer may be found after the psalm in the ELW-LDE, beginning on p. 737.

READING - <Name>

HYMN or CANTICLE

The assembly stands to sing.

Possible canticles include: Benedictus (see LBW p. 134, LBW #2, WOV #725)
Te Deum (see LBW p. 139, LBW #3, LBW #535)
Keep in Mind (LBW, p. 457)
Salvation belongs to our God (WOV p. 47)

PRAYER - <Name>

Let us pray.

God of glory,
fill your church with the power
that flows from Christ's resurrection,
that, in the midst of the sinful world,
it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity,
risen to new life with Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

TESTIMONY

*A witness to the power of the crucified and risen Lord at work in the world.
The worship leader introduces the person making testimony.*

TESTIMONY HYMN

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

1 Chris-tians, to the pas-chal vic-tim of-fer your thank-ful prais-es—
a lamb the sheep re-deem-ing, Christ, who on-ly is sin-less,
rec-on-cil-ing sin-ners to the Fa-ther. Death and life have con-tend-ed
in that com-bat stu-pen-dous; the prince of life, who died, reigns im-mor-tal.

2 Speak, Mar-y, de-clar-ing what you saw when way-far-ing.
“The tomb of Christ, who is liv-ing, the glo-ry of Je-sus’ res-ur-rec-tion;
bright an-gels at-test-ing, the shroud and nap-kin rest-ing.
My Lord, my hope, is a-ris-en; to Gal-i-lee he goes be-fore you.”

3 Christ in-deed from death is ris-en, our new life ob-tain-ing.
Have mer-cy, vic-tor King, ev-er reign-ing! A-men.

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. composite
Music: VICTIMAE PASCHALI, plainsong mode I; attr. Wipo of Burgundy

PRAYERS AROUND THE CROSS

The time for prayer should include thanksgiving and intercession as well as opportunity for individuals to pray at the cross. Both singing and silence accompany the prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: - <Name>

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we praise you for your mighty love given in Christ's sacrifice on the cross, and the new life we have received by his resurrection. Especially we thank you for:

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, let our concern for others reflect Christ's self-giving love, not only in our prayers, but also in our practice. Especially we pray for:

INTRO TO INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS: - <Name>

We now invite you to join us as you wish in prayer around the cross. You may light a candle and place it in any of the stations, or just pray as you wish. If you pray at the station with the square vessel, others may come and lay hands upon you while you pray, joining their prayers with yours. Let us contemplate together the meaning of Christ's cross and resurrection in our lives and in our prayers.

HYMNS:

The worship leaders may choose several shorter, contemplative-style hymns for singing during the prayers. Hymns may be chosen from ELW, Singing Our Prayer, or another resource (provided copies can be distributed before the service).

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The worship leaders may also decide to use instrumental music only or to have the assembly pray in silence. Please notify the chapel musician if instrumental music is desired.

Concluding prayer

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, be our starting point and our haven, and accompany us in this day's journey. Use our hands to do the work of your creation, and use our lives to bring others the new life you give this world in Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all.

Amen.

Or

O God, who made of one blood all races and nations of earth, and sent your Son Jesus Christ to preach to those who are far off and to those who are near: Pour out your Spirit on the whole creation, bring the nations of the world into your fellowship, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER:

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

BLESSING

The risen Christ bring us light and life in these days of Easter rejoicing.

Amen. Alleluia!