

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: And Also with you.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution/Lord's Prayer

"Sanctus" (LBW p.69)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

Sending Hymn

"Christ is Risen! Alleluia"
(Vs. 1 & 4)

ELW #382



EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

Saturday, April 19, 2025

7:30pm

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church



Easter Vigil

**Walking through
darkness into dawn**

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Jon Pedersen, Pastor

Ellen D. Schroll, Minister of Music

David Rhodes, Organist

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Four sections comprise the Vigil of Easter:
The Service of Light
The Service of the Word
The Service of Baptism
The Service of Holy Communion

The Service of Light

The Light of Christ Procession

The Service of the Word



A The light of Christ. C Thanks be to God.

The First Lesson: The Creation Promise—*Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a*

P: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’;

C: And there was light. And God saw that the light was good;

P: And God separated the light from the darkness.

C: God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

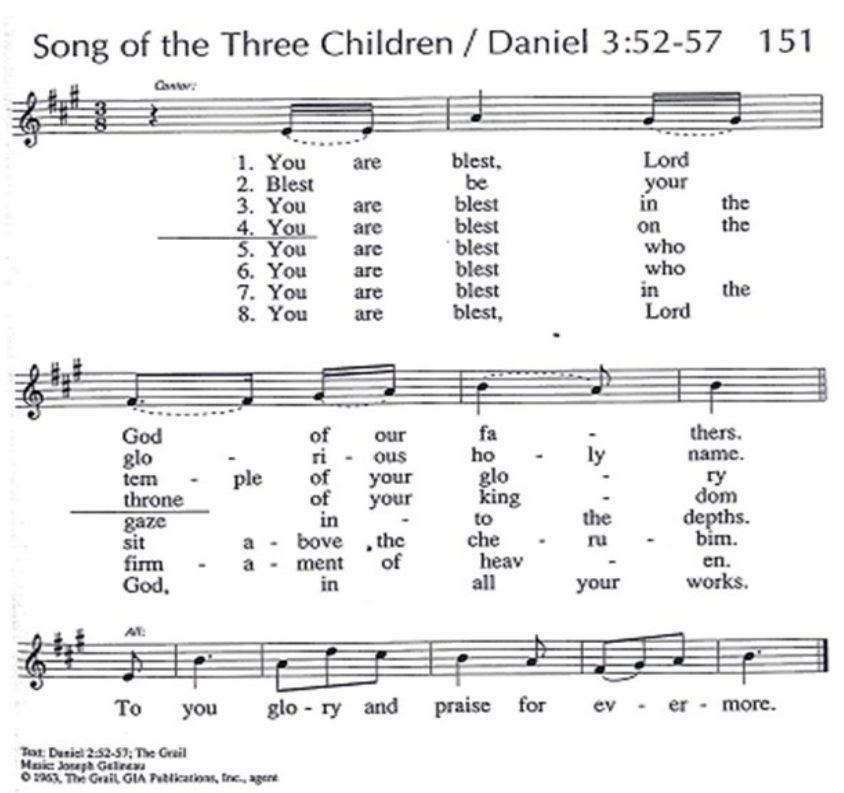
P: And God said, ‘Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the wa-

God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.’

Narrator: Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Song of the Three Children (GIA Hymnal 151) Reprint

Song of the Three Children / Daniel 3:52-57 151



1. You are blest, Lord
2. Blest be your
3. You are blest in the
4. You are blest on the
5. You are blest who
6. You are blest who
7. You are blest in the
8. You are blest, Lord

God of our fa-thers.
glo-ri-ous ho-ly name.
tem-ple of your glo-ry
throne of your king-dom
gaze in to the depths.
sit a-bove, the ru-bim.
firm-a-ment of heav-en.
God, in all your works.

All:
To you glo-ry and praise for ev-er-more.

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Music: Joseph Gelineau
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The Service of Baptism

The Service of Holy Communion

The Altar is Redressed

The Gospel according to *Luke 24:1-12*

P: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?’

Narrator: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king,

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: *‘O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.’*

Narrator: Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace to be heated up seven times more than was customary, and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. Because the king’s command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counsellors,

Nebuchadnezzar: *‘Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire? But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god.’*

Narrator: Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said,

Nebuchadnezzar: *‘Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!’*

Narrator: So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counsellors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them. Nebuchadnezzar said,

Nebuchadnezzar: *‘Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king’s command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the*

ters from the waters.’ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome.

C: And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

P: And God said, ‘Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.’

C: And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

P: Then God said, ‘Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’

C: And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

P: And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.’

C: And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. . . And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

P: And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind.

C: And God saw that it was good. God blessed them. . . And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

P: And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’

C: And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

P: Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them . . .

C: And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

P: Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

C: So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

P: Word of God, Word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

Canticle: *Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26* (Reprint from GIA Hymnal #131)

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YOUR LOVE IS NEVER ENDING

Psalm 136 Martyr Haugen

Cantor:

All:

For your love is nev - er end - ing,

Cantor:

All:

For your love is nev - er end - ing.

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The Second Lesson: The Red Sea Deliverance—*Exodus 14:10-31: 15:20-21*

The Third Lesson: Come to the Waters—*Isaiah 55:1-11*

Canticle: "The Lord is My Song"
(Congregation)

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*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise; all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise; God, the wellspring of life.
(repeat three times)*

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The Forth Lesson: The Fiery Furnace—*Daniel 3:1-29*

Narrator: King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, the herald proclaimed aloud,

Herald: 'You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire.'

Narrator: Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshipped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. At this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar,

Chaldeans: 'O king, live forever! You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up.'

Narrator: Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar said to them,

Nebuchadnezzar: 'Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? Now if you are ready