Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

With One Voice: Holy Communion, Setting 6



Prayer of preparation:

Lord Jesus, walk with us during these 40 days of Lent. Be near to us in our struggles against temptation, and let us find our strength in you. Bless this time of worship for your Name's sake. Amen.

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Pre-Service Music

"Fantasia" (Orlando Gibbons)

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Gracious God,
- we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

We are not worthy to be called your children.

Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways.

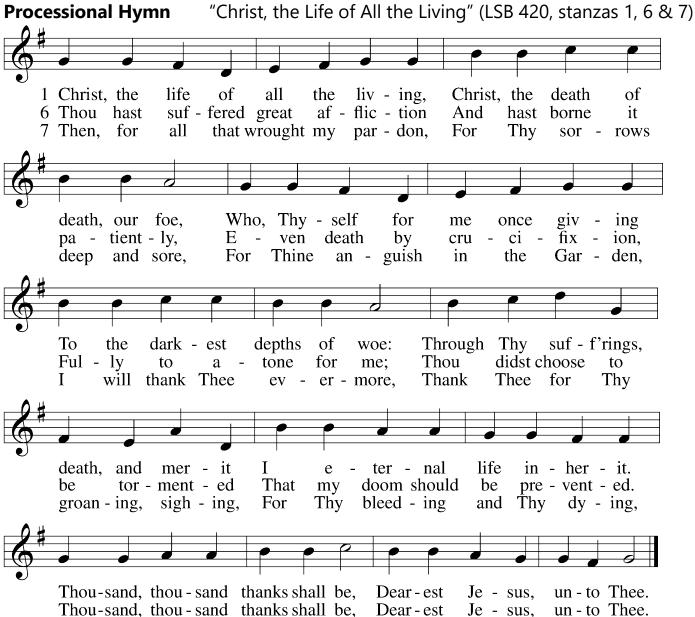
Forgive us and bring us back to you,

For we once were dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

- The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of

 → Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Live in newness of life.
- Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD



tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high. that last Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605-81; (sts. 1, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.; (st. 6): tr. Evangelical Lutheran

Hymn-Book, 1912, St. Louis

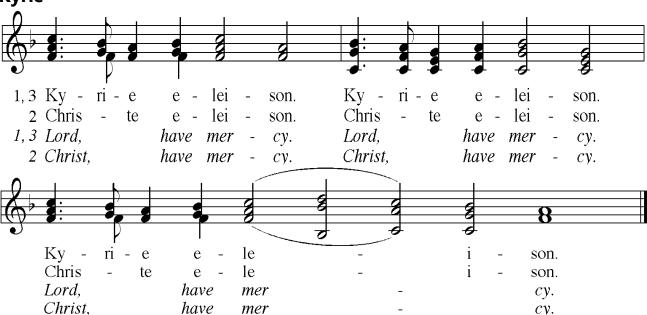
Tune: Das grosse Cantional, 1687, Darmstadt

Text and tune: Public domain

Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **C** And also with you.





Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray:

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

• Amen.

Blessing of the Quilts and Clean-up Buckets

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
 - Thanks be to God.

- L How can a young man keep his | way pure?*
 By guarding it according | to your word.
- With my whole heart I | seek you;* let me not wander from your com- | mandments!
- L I have stored up your word | in my heart,* that I might not sin a- | gainst you.
- Blessèd are you, | O LORD;* teach me your | statutes!
- L With my lips | I declare* all the just decrees | of your mouth.
- In the way of your testimonies | I delight* as much as in all | riches.
- L I will meditate on your | precepts* and fix my eyes | on your ways.
- I will delight in your | statutes;*
 I will not for- | get your word.

Epistle Reading Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
 - **☐** Thanks be to God.

Lenten Verse



Holy Gospel Mark 10:32-45

Please join in reading aloud the **highlighted portion** of Scripture And consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." 41And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



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P Holy Baptism today is given for Cole Fritz Strawderman, child of Paul and Taylor Strawderman and Cole's father Paul Rodger Strawderman Jr. Serving as Cole's sponsors are Andrew Tomczyk and Rachel Carroll.

Presentation of Baptismal Candidate

We present Cole Fritz and Paul Rodger to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The Address The pastor speaks to those assembled for Baptism

- In Christian love you have presented this child and adult for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring them to the services of God's house, and teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As they grow in years, you should place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?
- R I do.

The Thanksgiving The pastor pours the water to be used for Holy Baptism into the font

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Flood Prayer This prayer, written by Martin Luther, acknowledges God's saving acts throughout history by means of water.

- P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.
- By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.
- In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the slavery to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life.
- He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the

 → Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.
- To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Renunciation Candidates for Baptism and sponsors join together in renouncing the works of Satan.

- P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?
- \mathbb{R} I do.

The Profession of Faith Candidates for Baptism, their sponsors, and the congregation join together in affirming their belief in the triune God.

- **P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- **■** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ?
- 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 into hell. 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?
- 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.

The Washing The pastor baptizes the candidate(s) with these words:

- P Cole Fritz, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- Paul Rodger, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Laying on of Hands The pastor lays hands on the head of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit's work in their life:

- P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy Sacrament. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Cole Fritz and Paul Rodger: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
- C Amen.
- **The Sealing** The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized with oil prepared for this purpose. As the sign of the cross is made, the pastor says:
- P Cole Fritz, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

- Paul Rodger, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- C Amen.

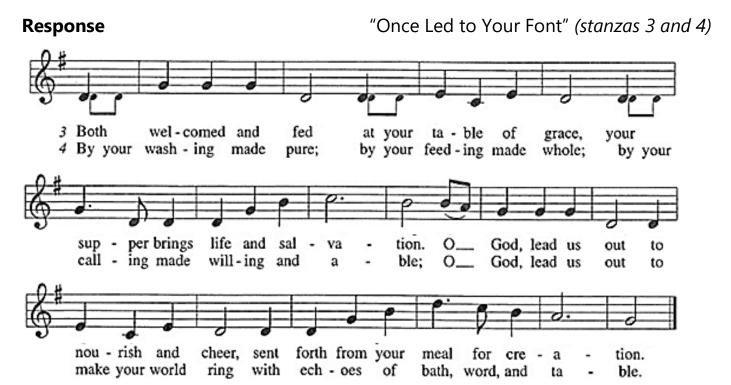
A lighted candle is given to the baptized with these words:

- Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- Finally, let us pray for this family: O God, giver of all life, look with kindness upon Cole's parents, Paul and Taylor. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally the salvation you have given to them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

The Welcome Those who have been baptized turn and face the congregation as these words are spoken:

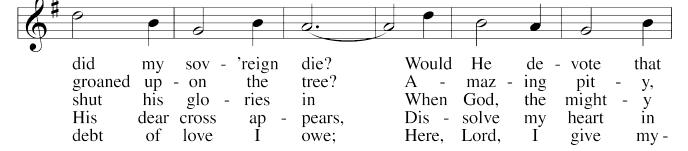
- I Through Baptism, God has made these people members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear His creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

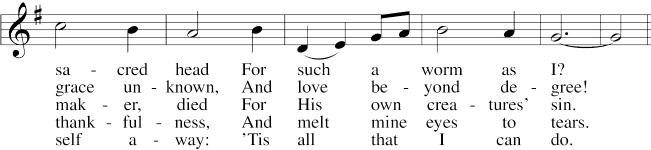


Hymn of the Day

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (LSB 437)







Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., Tune: Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824, Text and tune: Public domain

Prayer of the Church

P Gathered by the Spirit, let us return to the Lord our God and pray for the church, the world, and all who yearn for new life.

Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer. During the season of Lent each petition ends with the phrase: "Lord, in your mercy." Please respond by saying: "Hear our prayer."

The prayers end with the words:

- P Almighty God, you have commanded us to pray, and you promise to hear us. Hear the prayers of your people and grant us all that we need, for the sake of the One in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

- L Let us pray. God our provider,
- **Q** you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

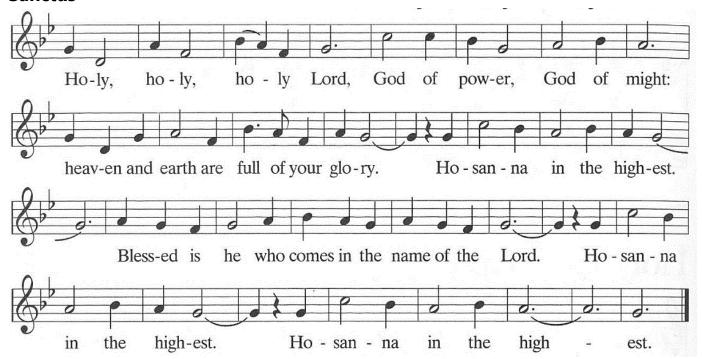
Great Thanksgiving

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them up to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of the grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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 forever and ever. Amen.



Please be seated

Distribution

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor at the distribution. The wine is then received by individual glasses only. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available for those who for medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastor and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those who do not yet receive the Sacrament.

For additional self-preparation to receive the Sacrament, please see "Christian Questions with Their Answers" beginning on page 1351 in the pew Bible.

Music at the Distribution

Choir Anthem

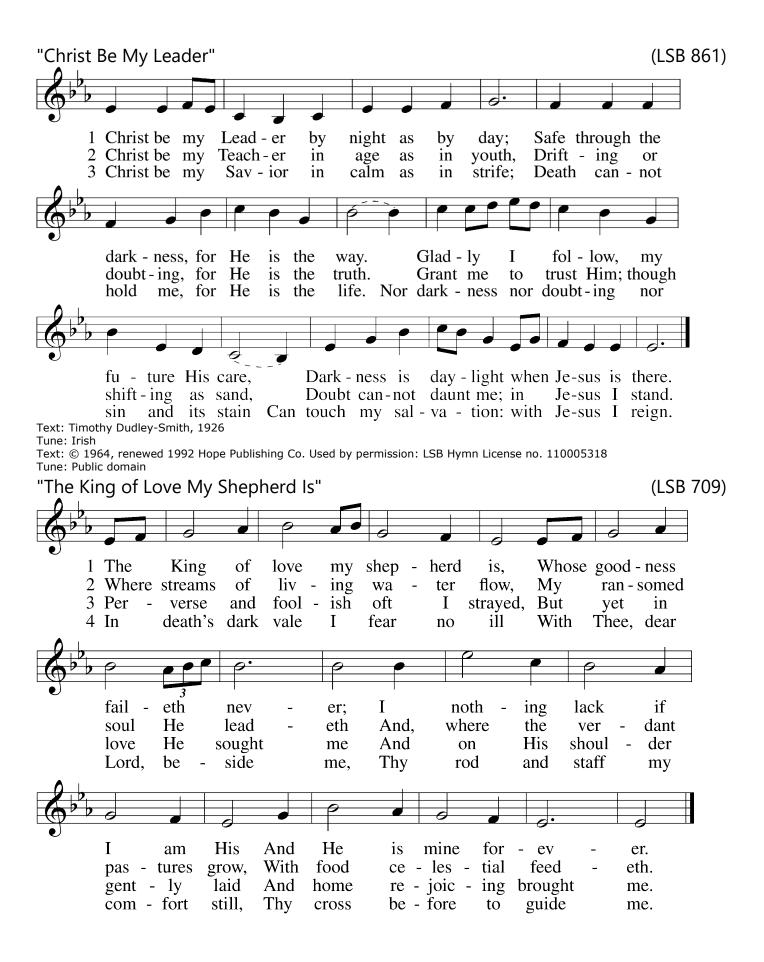
"Agnus Dei" (Dana Mengel)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Lord, grant us peace.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Lord, grant us peace.



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77 Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

Dismissal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- L Let us pray: Merciful God,
- accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of Baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing

- C Amen.

Sending

- **L** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image" (LSB 422)



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt. tion! and sal-va

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Postlude

"Invention III" (Joseph Callaerts)

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AV Operators Scott Budzien

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2024 Lenten Worship Schedule

NOTE: livestreaming available for service times with an *

Sundays, Lenten Worship Services

10:30AM* - Holy Communion March 17 and 24

Wednesdays, Midweek Lenten Worship

Noon* - Holy Communion March 20 and 27

Thursdays, Lenten Bible Study with Compline

7:45PM - Zoom Class online ONLY (not recorded)
March 21

Sunday, March 24

10:30AM* - Palm/Passion Sunday (Holy Communion)

Thursday, March 28

7:30PM* - Maundy Thursday (Holy Communion and stripping of the altar)

Friday, March 29

Noon* & 7:30PM - Good Friday (No Communion)

Saturday, March 30

7:30PM - Holy Saturday/Great Vigil of Easter (Holy Communion)

Sunday, March 31

8:00AM & 10:30AM* - Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday (Holy Communion) Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt between worship services



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