



THE
GREAT VIGIL
OF EASTER

April 16, 2022

Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday)

NICOEMUS

Our journey following Jesus to the cross has ended. Christ's work on the cross is finished. On this Holy Saturday, we wait, watch, and pray. Our attention this evening is focused on Jesus' burial and coming resurrection. We watch as Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea bury Jesus in a new tomb. We see that Jesus' words spoken to Nicodemus in John 3 are bearing fruit. Nicodemus has followed Jesus and is born again from above as a new creation. On this Easter Vigil, we remember our Baptism, and we remember when we were born again by water and the Spirit and made Christ's new creation.

SERVICE OF LIGHT

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

P Let us pray. O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival, that burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

P Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and the Omega. His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever. By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

The paschal candle is lit.

P May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

COLLECT

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this night in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

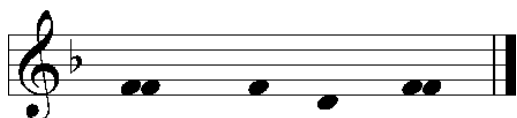
All light their candles from the paschal candle and follow the candle bearer in procession into the darkened church.

The bearer of the paschal candle stops at the entrance to the nave.

LUX CHRISTI

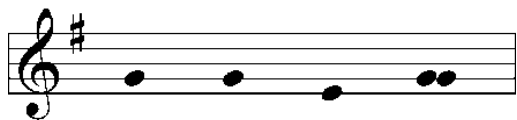


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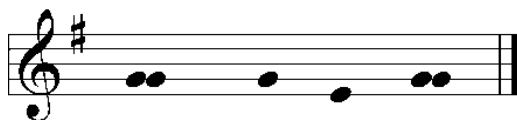


Thanks be to God.

The bearer of the paschal candle stops in the middle of the nave.



The light of Christ.

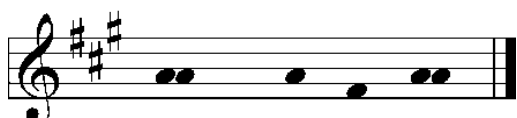


Thanks be to God.

When all have processed, the bearer of the paschal candle lifts the paschal candle high.



The light of Christ.



Thanks be to God.

EXSULTET

P Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice, too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, with all our heart and mind and voice, praise You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty everlasting God, and Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. For He is the very Paschal Lamb who offered Himself for the sin of the world, who has cleansed us by the shedding of His precious blood. This is the night when You brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry ground. This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality. This is the night when Christ, the life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of night. Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave You gave Your Son. How holy is this night when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. How holy is this night when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast. How blessed is the night when man is reconciled to God in Christ. Holy Father, accept now the evening sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise. Let Christ, the true light and morning star, shine in our hearts, He who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

All extinguish their candles.

Sit

SERVICE OF READINGS

P In this most holy night, our Savior, Christ the Lord, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His word. The Sun of Righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

THE CREATION

Genesis 1:1–2:3

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, through Your Word and Spirit You most wonderfully created all things, and through the Word made flesh You brought new life to fallen humanity. Grant that in Your mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him who shares fully in our humanity, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE FLOOD

Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray. O Lord, You kill and You raise to life; You brought the flood upon a wicked and perverse generation, and yet You saved faithful Noah and his family in the ark. Keep us in safety in the ark of Christ's body, the Church, that Your mercy may come to its fullness and Your salvation be preached to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE TESTING OF ABRAHAM

Genesis 22:1-18

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray. O God, since You promised faithful Abraham that he would be the father of a great multitude, You provided a substitute for his son Isaac. In the fullness of time, You sent Your Son, the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world, to lay down His life that we might live as faithful children of Abraham. Grant to all people a living trust in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

Exodus 14:10–15:1

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray. O God, You once delivered Your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them by a pillar of cloud and fire through the sea to safety. Grant that we may so follow Christ that through the waters of Baptism we may daily die and rise with Him and walk in safety through the wilderness of this life until we see Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37:1–14

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray. O God, Your Son came as the Son of Man to breathe His Word and Spirit upon the dry, dead bones of Adam's children. Grant that we may hear Your holy Word, receive Your Spirit, and rise each day from the death of sin to live in newness of life before You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE FIERY FURNACE

Daniel 3:1–30

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray. O God, Your Son protected faithful Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace of the king. Grant us protection in our time of testing that we would boldly confess Your name, reject all false worship, and live and die in confidence, knowing that we are safe in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

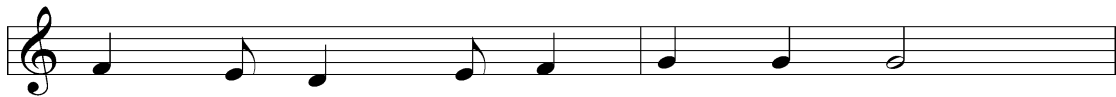
CANTICLE

All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

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1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!
2 Sing, you sun and you moon a - bove,
3 Frost of win - ter with song so cold,
4 Hills and moun - tains, now sing His worth,



All you an - gels, now bless the Lord;
Stars of heav - en, now sing His love;
Dews of sum - mer, your song un - fold;
All you green things that grow on earth;



Come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,
Dew and show - ers, you winds that blow,
Light and dark - ness, you day and night,
Seas and riv - ers, you springs and wells,

Praise the Lord and His maj - es - ty:
 Heat and fire, and you ice and snow:
 Clouds of thun - der, you light - nings bright:
 Beasts and cat - tle, you birds and whales:

Refrain

Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,
 All you works of God, bless the Lord!

Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,
 All you works of God, bless the Lord!

**5. Come, humanity, sing along,
 Sing, you people of God, a song;
 Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
 Join, you spirits and souls at rest: Refrain**

△ **6. Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
 All you humble, His praise impart;
 God the Father and Son adore,
 Bless the Spirit forevermore! Refrain**

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL ADDRESS

- P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the Apostle Peter has testified, "The promise [of Baptism] is for you and your children" and also "Baptism now saves you."
- P** The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

P How is this child to be named?

R **William Francis Schuller**

P **William Francis Schuller**, receive the sign of the cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

PRAYER

P Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict 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 **William Francis Schuller** according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in he which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he 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, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

ADDRESS TO PARENTS, SPONSORS, AND CONGREGATION

P Dear parents, in bringing your child to be baptized, you are accepting the responsibility of training him in the Christian faith. You will be the first to tell him of his Savior, Jesus; to fold his hands in prayer; to bring him to God's house for worship and Sunday school; and to pray for him – all with the intent that he may ever grow in the true knowledge and worship of our Triune God, receive God's gifts with thanksgiving, and lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. Do you intend to do this gladly and willingly? Then answer, 'Yes with the help of God.'

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for those being baptized. After this child has been baptized, it is your task to remember him at all times in your prayers, support and encourage him in his ongoing instruction in the Christian faith, and to be an example to him of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor. And, if he should lose his parents, give your counsel and aid, so that he be brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God. Do you intend to do this gladly and willingly? Then answer, 'Yes with the help of God.'

- P** Dear members of Beautiful Savior congregation, we as a Christian congregation also assume responsibilities toward this young brother in Christ. We too must set an example of Christian faith in word and deed for him to follow, assist his parents in providing Christian instruction, and surround him with our love. Do you intend to do this gladly and willingly? Then answer, 'Yes with the help of God.'
- P** May God enable us all to earnestly carry out this faithful and loving work by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RENUNCIATION

- 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.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
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.**

BAPTISM

- P** Do you desire **William Francis Schuller** to be baptized?
R **Yes, I do.**
- P** **William Francis Schuller**, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

BLESSING

- 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.**

BAPTISMAL CANDLE

- P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.
- And may the Lord Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the dumb speak, soon touch your ears to hear His Word and your mouth to proclaim the faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.

PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted **William Francis Schuller** the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

- P** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven.
- C** **We welcome you into the Lord's family and receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous Light. Amen.**
- P** Peace † be with you.
- C** **Amen.**

Baptismal Party may return to their seats.

Stand

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM AND THE RITE OF ASPERSION

- P** The rite of aspersion (the sprinkling of baptismal water), referencing Psalm 51, dates to the 9th century and serves as a form of baptismal remembrance. During the singing of the baptismal hymn, water from the baptismal font will be sprinkled upon the congregation, signifying the Resurrected Life bestowed through the Word of God in Holy Baptism. You are invited to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism as you feel the sprinkling of water.

Psalm 51:1-7

- P** ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- C** ²**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**
- P** ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- C** ⁴**Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**
- P** ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- C** ⁶**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**
- P** ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- A** ***Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.***

Sit

HYMN

Water, Blood and Spirit Crying

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1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness
 2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that
 3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of
 4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged
 5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and



tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing
 Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried
 death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us
 sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing
 its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing



Life has come, with life for all.
 Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.
 With His bod - y and His blood.
 Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.
 Life has come, with life for all.

BLESSING

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.

P Peace ☩ be with you.

C Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF PRAYER

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 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 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.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



- 1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON

Witnesses to Christ: Nicodemus

Vicar Zach Roll

Stand

COLLECT

P Let us pray. O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you...and ☩ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living
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Easter Services

Easter Sunrise with Holy Communion at 6:30am
 Easter Services with Holy Communion 8:00am, 9:30am, & 11:00am

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HOLY BAPTISM – William Francis Schuller, infant son of Marcus and Jessica Schuller, will be baptized this evening. William’s sponsors are Mitchell and Jennifer List. We pray special blessings upon William and his family as he becomes a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism.