



# **Holy Week and Easter at home 2021**



THE CHURCH OF  
THE HOLY TRINITY  
RITTENHOUSE SQUARE

Dear Friends,

We couldn't have imagined one year ago that we would enter another Holy Week with COVID restrictions in place. But here we are!

This book has been created for you to use at home either on your own, or to follow along with the services that are online. All services will be on Facebook and YouTube, and can be found on the front page of our website [www.htrit.org](http://www.htrit.org). Everything you need to observe Holy Week and Easter is inside.

You can use this book in whatever way is best for you and your family. As you light your candles and offer your prayers, know that you are connected to your church family – and all of the Christian church - through the presence of Christ, who is always with us. We may be apart again this year, but whenever we worship, pray, or even just set aside time, we join with others to become one in Christ. And so, we are never alone.

We hope these liturgies will be a blessing to you, and look forward to seeing you soon! If you are comfortable to join us in person in the Square on Palm Sunday or Easter Day, we would love to see you!

Many Blessings,

Handwritten signatures of Rachel & John Gardner in blue ink. The signature on the left reads "Rachel & John Gardner" and the one on the right reads "John Gardner".

The Revs. Rachel & John Gardner, Rectors

### **Some suggestions for using this home worship kit:**

- Choose a time for worship that works for you and/or your family. It doesn't have to be the same time as our online worship; it just needs to be convenient for you.
- Look through the liturgies before you begin. They aren't complicated, but you will need to decide who will lead (who will be the "Leader") and who will do the readings. For those unable to join us online, there are meditations for each day.
- If you have children, try to incorporate them into the liturgy in as many ways as possible. They can do readings, carry the branches on Palm Sunday, or set the table for Maundy Thursday. We've also put together some coloring pages for each liturgy that can be printed out for the kids (and maybe the grownups) in your family.
- Choose a place where you'll have your worship each day. This may be the same place all week, or you may choose to move your worship depending on the pattern of the worship. Try to create a space that looks special, a little different from the rest of your home. Bring a candle to light for worship (we sent one home!), bring your Bibles and crosses and anything else that speaks to you of God.
- Enjoy! These liturgies are for you, to bring you and your family into the presence of God. Make them your own, and don't worry if you have to stop or if you make a mistake. God will still bless your gathering and hear your prayers

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2021:

### **PALM SUNDAY**

#### **9:00 am Liturgy of the Palms**

in-person: meet in front of the church  
(please sign up [here](#), if you plan to attend)

online: live streamed to Facebook

#### **11:00 am Palm Sunday Morning Prayer**

online: on Facebook and YouTube

### **WEDNESDAY:**

#### **6:00 pm** Tenebrae Service

online: on Facebook and YouTube

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY:**

#### **6:00 pm Agape Meal on Zoom**

(this will be an “in person” event and will not be  
streamed to social media)

send email [here](#): to request zoom link

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

#### **Stations of the Cross**

online: on Facebook and YouTube

#### **6:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy**

online: on Facebook and YouTube

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

#### **9:00 am Holy Saturday Liturgy**

online: on Facebook and YouTube

#### **8:00 pm EASTER VIGIL**

online: Livestreamed on Facebook

### **EASTER MORNING:**

#### **11:00 am Holy Eucharist**

online: Livestreamed on Facebook

#### **12:30 pm Distribution of Communion and social gathering**

in person: meet on the square, BYOB

### **Participants for Live Services:**

Palm Sunday: Jeannie Welsh, Gail Caruso, Peter Ryker, Andy Gutkencht, Shreve Simpson

Easter Vigil: Emily Casey, Margaret Dowling, Jay Poko, Marshall McMMain

Easter Day: Madelyn Mignatti, Christopher Jungers, Jeannie Welsh

## **Palm Sunday**

*in person event: 9:00 am in the Square*



### **The Liturgy of the Palms**

*(Palms will be available for pick up or sent home)*

**Leader** Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People** Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

*Leader* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Gospel**

*Mark 11:1-11*

*Reader* Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **The Prayer over the Palms**

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Leader* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Leader* It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

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

**People Hosanna in the highest.**



## Morning Prayer

**Prelude:** *O Lamm Gottes unschuldig*

Johann Sebastian Bach

*O innocent Lamb of God, slaughtered on the trunk of the Cross, patient at all times, however you were scorned. You have borne all sins, otherwise we would have to despair. Have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

**Introit:** *Hosanna to the Son of David*

Thomas Weelkes

*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens. Hosanna in excelsis Deo.*

**Opening Hymn:**

*All glory laud and honor  
Valet will ich dir geben*

**Hymnal 154**

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1	Thou art the King of	Is - ra - el, thou	Da - vid's roy - al	Son,
2	The com - pa - ny of	an - gels is	prais - ing thee on	high;
3	The peo - ple of the	He - brews with	palms be - fore thee	went;
4	To thee be - fore thy	pas - sion they	sang their hymns of	praise;
5	Thou didst ac - cept their	prais - es; ac - cept	the prayers we	bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

**The Opening Sentence**

*Leader* All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6

**Confession of Sin**

*Leader* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Leader* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Leader* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Invitatory: Venite**

Plainsong

The Lord is full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy:  
 Come let us a - dore him.



1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our



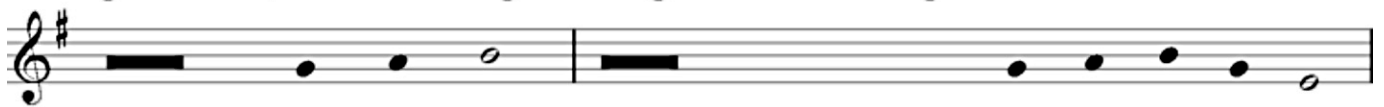
sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing



and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a



great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are



the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his al - so.



5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land.



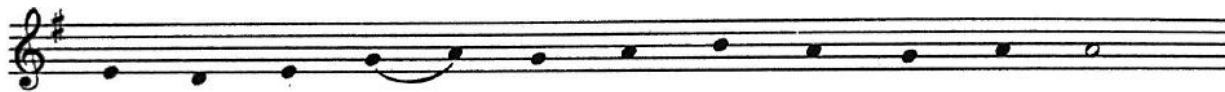
6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord



our Ma - ker. 7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture



and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would heark - en to his voice!



The Lord is full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy:



Come let us a - dore him.

*Then follows*

## Psalm 31:9-16

Tone II.1



- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in / trouble;\*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and / my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with / sighing;\*  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones / are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my ac/quaintance,\*  
when they see me in the street they / avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, / out of mind;\*  
I am as useless as / a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is / all around;\*  
they put their heads together against me; they plot / to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in / you, O LORD.\*  
I have said, "You / are my God.
- 15 My times are / in your hand;\*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who per/secute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your / servant,\*  
and in your loving-kind/ness save me."

## The First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*Reader* A reading from the prophet Isaiah.  
The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**



# Canticle 14: A Song of Penitence

Keiser New

1. Al - might - y Lord Most High draw near whose awe - some  
 2. How mea - sure - less your mer - cies stand, the hope and  
 3. From such a heart we bend the knee and all our  
 4. So lift on high the Sav - ior's praise with all the

splen - dor none can bear; e - ter - nal God, in mer - cy hear,  
 pledge of sins for - given; those sins, un - num - bered as the sand,  
 sin and shame con - fess. Lord, your un - worth - y serv - ants see,  
 hosts of heaven a - bove, and sing through ev - er - last - ing days

re - ceive once more the sin - ner's prayer; u - pon your  
 that hide the ver - y stars of heaven; O God of  
 and clothe us round with right - eous - ness; that loved and  
 the God of glor - y grace and love. The Lord of

word of grace we call whose word of pow - er has or - dered all.  
 grace, to us im - part a pen - i - tent and con - trite heart.  
 par - doned, healed and blest, we taste your mer - cies man - i - fest.  
 all let us a - dore, for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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# The Second Reading:

# Philippians 2:5-11

Reader A reading from the letter to the Phillippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father..

Reader The Word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb

Frank W. Boles



1. Splen - dor and hon - or, ma - jes - ty and pow - er,  
2. Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,  
3. To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



are yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - ery bless - ing,  
by whose self - off'r - ing we are made God's peo - ple:  
and to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



for by your bid - ding was the whole cre - a - tion  
a priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and na - tions,  
be a - dor - a - tion, praise, and glo - ry gi - ven,



called in - to be - ing.  
called to God's ser - vice.  
now and for e -



ver. Ah



ver.

NARRATOR: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.  
As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered him,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again

PILATE: "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

NARRATOR: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

PILATE: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

PILATE: "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: They shouted back,

**ALL: "Crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: Pilate asked them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

**ALL: "Crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

**ALL: "Hail, King of the Jews!"**

NARRATOR: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

**(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand in body or in spirit.)**

NARRATOR: They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then

they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**ALL:** **"Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"**

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

**ALL:** **"He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."**

NARRATOR: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

JESUS: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: which means,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**ALL:** **"Listen, he is calling for Elijah."**

NARRATOR: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

**ALL:** **"Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."**

NARRATOR: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

CENTURION: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

NARRATOR: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

**Meditation:**

This blessing  
can be heard coming  
from a long way off.  
This blessing  
is making  
its steady way  
up the road  
toward you.  
This blessing  
blooms in the throats  
of women,  
springs from the hearts  
of men,  
tumbles out of the mouths  
of children.  
This blessing

is stitched into  
the seams  
of the cloaks  
that line the road,  
etched into  
the branches  
that trace the path,  
echoes in  
the breathing  
of the willing colt,  
the click  
of the donkey's hoof  
against the stones.  
Something is rising  
beneath this blessing.  
Something will try

**Blessing of the Palms**

to drown it out.  
But this blessing  
cannot be turned back,  
cannot be made  
to still its voice,  
cannot cease  
to sing its praise  
of the One who comes  
along the way  
it makes.

*by Jan Richardson  
from Circle of Grace: A Book  
of Blessings for the Seasons*

**The Apostles' Creed**

*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;  
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 to the dead.  
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.  
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.  
Amen.**

**The Prayers**

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*Leader* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Leader* Let us pray.

**The Lord's Prayer**

*All* **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, for ever and ever. Amen**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Leader* Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your  
Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon  
the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may  
walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for  
ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **A Prayer for Sundays**

*Leader* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

*Leader* O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*All* **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787*)

## **Offertory Sentence**

*Leader* Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (*Philippians 2:9-11*)

## **Offertory Anthem: Ride On**

Grayston Ives

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry, thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed. Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die, O Christ thy triumph now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin. Ride on, ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh; the Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son. Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power and reign. (Henry Milman)*

## **Prayer for Mission**

*Leader* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People: Palm Sunday**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, you emptied yourself, trading in the form of God for the form of a slave; we pray for the Church, and all her people and ministers. Form us into a Church that empties itself for others, makes sacrifices for our neighbor, and offers ourselves to you. Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, you were born in human likeness, and found in human form; we pray for the whole human family, for the nations of the earth, for all of us who live in the midst of pandemic, fear, insecurity, famine, and uncertainty, Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, even after humbling yourself in your incarnation, you humbled yourself even to the point of death; we pray for our nation, our leaders, for those who make decisions, and those who must live with the, and all the people who are our fellow citizens. Bless us with your humility. Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* In your exaltation, O Lord, you were given the name that is above every name; we pray in your name for those who are poor, those who are hungry, those who have no job, those who have lost their homes, those who are without safety, and those who are hurting in any way. Give them your grace. Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus you touched and healed those who came to you to find wholeness, look with compassion on those who have asked for our prayers, especially James, Ashley, Barbara, Octavia, the Tokley Family, Jess, Brooke, John, Peter, Barbara, Robert, Maggie, Rudi, Ruben, John, Nancy, Emily, Brad & Family, Natasha, Mihayo, MomMom Carol, Emily, Jennifer, Rayelenn, Gordon, Joel, Alyssa, Otis, Valeria, Beth, Devon, Eleanor, Julie, Janette, Jerry's Family, and those you wish to name. Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus your love for us was so broad and deep, it cost you your life. We pray for those who died from the Coronavirus, for those who will die, for those who have died for other reasons, and for all we love who have died, may they rest with you in glory, and may we find comfort knowing they are once again in your loving embrace. Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

**All** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Leader* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Sentence

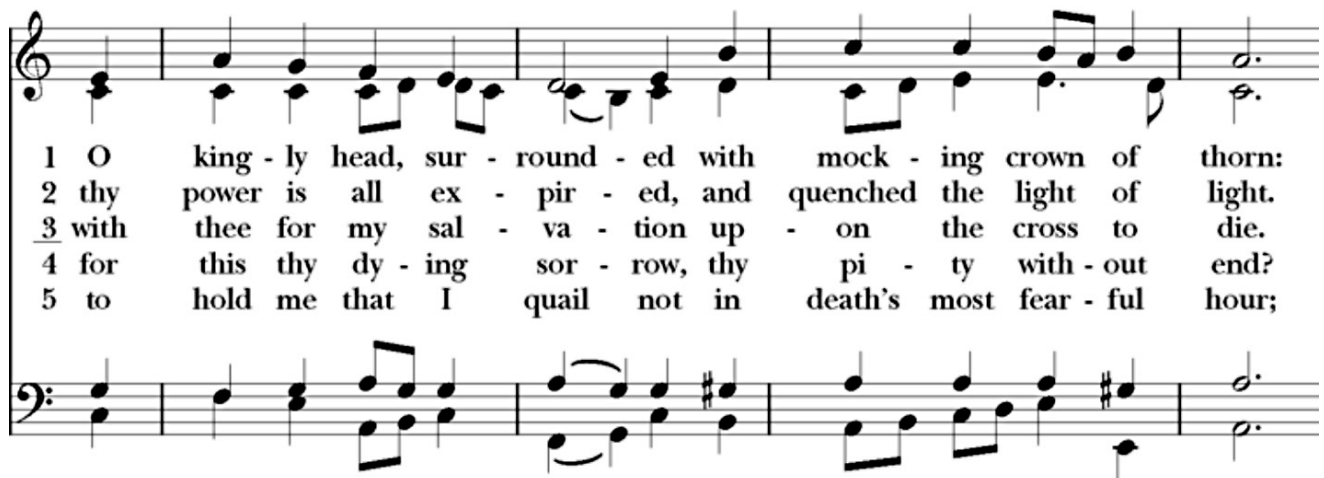
*Leader*      Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**    *Ephesians 3:20,21*

## Closing Hymn      *O sacred head sore wounded* *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

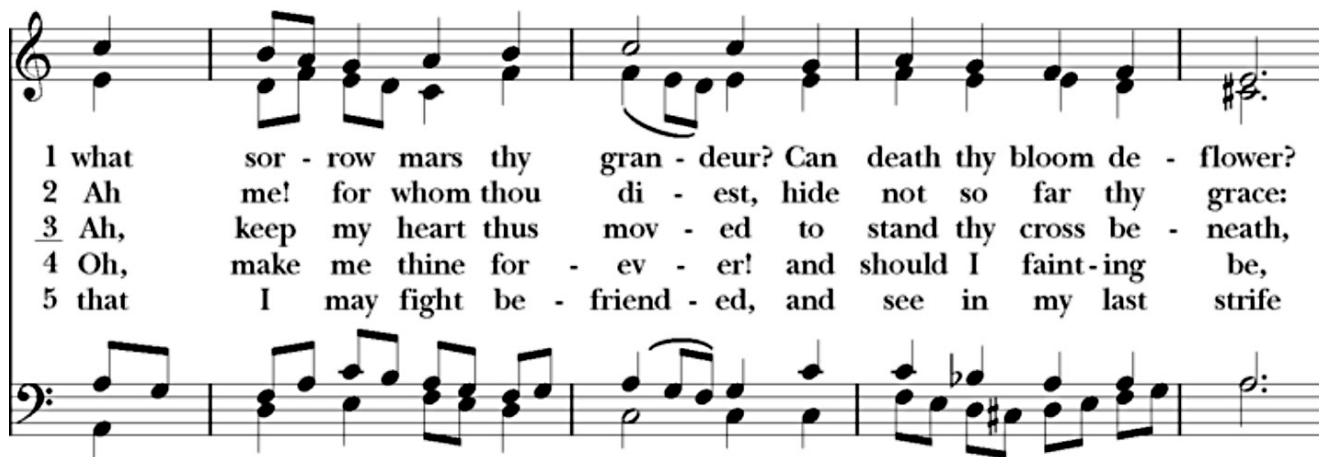
**Hymnal 168**



1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,  
\*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
\*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,



1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.  
4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?  
5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,  
4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,  
5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife



1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.  
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.  
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

**Postlude:** *Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen* Johann Sebastian Bach  
*O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken  
 That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
 Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,  
 What dark transgression?*

## Tenebrae

Wednesday. 6:00 pm online



**Note:** *the online service was recorded in previous years.*

### If you are doing this service at home:

- You will need 14 candles. Each candle is extinguished individually throughout the service, until they are all out. The service is supposed to end in silence and darkness.
- If you wish to follow the online service it will be on Facebook and YouTube at 6:00 pm Wednesday evening.

## **First Nocturn**

### **Antiphon 1** *Read by All*

**Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.**

### **Psalm 69: 1-23**

- 1 Save me, O God,\*  
for the waters have risen up to my neck.
- 2 I am sinking in deep mire,\*  
and there is no firm ground for my feet.
- 3 I have come into deep waters,\*  
and the torrent washes over me.
- 4 I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed;\*  
my eyes have failed from looking for my God.
- 5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; my lying foes  
who would destroy me are mighty.\*  
Must I then give back what I never stole?
- 6 O God, you know my foolishness,\*  
and my faults are not hidden from you.
- 7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord God of hosts;\*  
let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.
- 8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach,\*  
and shame has covered my face.
- 9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred,\*  
an alien to my mother's children.
- 10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up;\*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
- 11 I humbled myself with fasting,\*  
but that was turned to my reproach.
- 12 I put on sack-cloth also,\*  
and became a byword among them.
- 13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,\*  
and the drunkards make songs about me.
- 14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you,\*  
at the time you have set, O Lord:
- 15 "In your great mercy, O God,\*  
answer me with your unfailing help.
- 16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;\*  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.
- 17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;\*  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.
- 18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;\*  
in your great compassion, turn to me.'
- 19 "Hide not your face from your servant;\*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- 20 Draw near to me and redeem me,\*  
because of my enemies deliver me.
- 21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor;\*  
my adversaries are all in your sight."
- 22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed;\*  
I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I could find no one.

23 They gave me gall to eat,\*  
and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

**Antiphon:**

**Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.**

**Antiphon 2**

**Let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.**

**Psalm 70**

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;\*  
O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed;\*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
- 3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back,\*  
because they are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;\*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever, “Great is the Lord!”
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy;\*  
come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer;\*  
O Lord, do not tarry.

**Antiphon:**

**Let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.**

 *(the first candle is extinguished)*

**Antiphon 3**

**Arise, O God, maintain my cause.**

**Psalm 74**

- 1 O God, why have you utterly cast us off?\*
- why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture?
- 2 Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago,\*  
the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance, and Mount Zion where you dwell.
- 3 Turn your steps toward the endless ruins\*  
the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary.
- 4 Your adversaries roared in your holy place,\*  
they set up their banners as tokens of victory.
- 5 They were like men coming up with axes to a grove of trees;\*  
they broke down all your carved work with hatchets and hammers.
- 6 They set fire to your holy place,\*  
they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name and razed it to the ground.
- 7 They said to themselves, “Let us destroy them altogether.”\*  
they burned down all the meeting-places of God in the land.
- 8 There are no signs for us to see; there is no prophet left;\*  
there is not one among us who knows how long.
- 9 How long, O God, will the adversary scoff?\*
- Will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?

- 10 Why do you draw back your hand?\*
- Why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?
- 11 Yet God is my King from ancient times,\*
- victorious in the midst of the earth. Arise, O God, maintain my cause.
- 12 You divided the sea by your might\*
- and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;
- 13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan\*
- and gave him to the people of the desert for food.
- 14 You split open spring and torrent;\*
- you dried up ever-flowing rivers.
- 15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; \*
- you established the moon and the sun.
- 16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth;\*
- you made both summer and winter.
- 17 Remember, O Lord, how the enemy scoffed,\*
- how a foolish people despised your Name.
- 18 Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts;\*
- never forget the lives of your poor.
- 19 Look upon your covenant;\*
- the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.
- 20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed;\*
- let the poor and needy praise your Name.
- 21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause;\*
- remember how fools revile you all day long.
- 22 Forget not the clamor of your adversaries,\*
- the unending tumult of those who rise up against you.

### **Antiphon:**

**Arise, O God, maintain my cause.**

 (the second candle is extinguished)

*Leader* Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked:

*People* **From the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

### **Lesson 1:** A Reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet. (1:1-14)

How solitary lies the city, once so full of people! How like a widow has she become, she that was great among the nations! She that was queen among the cities has now become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, tears run down her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her; all become her enemies. Judah has gone into the misery of exile and of hard servitude; she dwells now among the nations, but finds no resting-place; all her pursuers overtook her in the midst of her anguish. The roads to Zion mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan and sigh; her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness. Her adversaries have become her masters, her enemies prosper; because the Lord has punished her for the multitude of her rebellions; her children are gone, driven away as captives by the enemy. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

### **Responsory 1** *In monte Oliveti*

*Leader* On the mount of Olives Jesus prayed to the Father:

*People* **Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**

*Leader* Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation.

*People* **The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**

## Lesson 2

And from Daughter Zion all her majesty has departed; her princes have become like stags that can find no pasture, and that run without strength before the hunter. Jerusalem remembers in the days of her affliction and bitterness all the precious things that were hers from the days of old; when her people fell into the hand of the foe, and there was none to help her; the adversary saw her, and mocked at her downfall. Jerusalem has sinned greatly, therefore she has become a thing unclean; all who honored her despise her, for they have seen her nakedness; and now she sighs, and turns her face away. Uncleanness clung to her skirts, she took no thought of her doom; therefore her fall is terrible, she has no comforter. "O Lord, behold my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

## Responsory 2 *Tristis est anima mea*

*Leader* My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death;

*People* **Remain here, and watch with me. Now you shall see the crowd who will surround me; you will flee, and I will go to be offered up for you.**

*Leader* Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

*People* **You will flee, and I will go to be offered up for you.**

## Lesson 3

The adversary has stretched out his hand to seize all her precious things; she has seen the Gentiles invade her sanctuary, those whom you had forbidden to enter your congregation. All her people groan as they search for bread; they sell their own children for food to revive their strength. "Behold, O Lord, and consider, for I am now beneath contempt!" Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted, on the day of his burning anger. From on high he sent fire, into my bones it descended; he spread a net for my feet, and turned me back; he has left me desolate and faint all the day long. My transgressions were bound into a yoke; by his hand they were fastened together; their yoke is upon my neck; he has caused my strength to fail. The Lord has delivered me into their hands, against whom I am not able to stand up. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

## Responsory 3 *Ecce vidimus eum*

*Leader* Lo, we have seen him without beauty or majesty,

*People* **with no looks to attract our eyes. He bore our sins and grieved for us, he was wounded for our transgressions, and by his scourging we are healed.**

*Leader* Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows:

*People* **And by his scourging we are healed.**

## Second Nocturn

## Antiphon 4

**The kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against his Anointed.**

**Psalm 2** *Read antiphonally*

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar?\*
- Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,\*  
    against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- 3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say;\*
- “let us cast off their bonds from us.”
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing;\*
- the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath,\*  
    and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 “I myself have set my king\*  
    upon my holy hill of Zion.”
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord:\*
- he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance\*  
    and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod\*  
    and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise;\*
- be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear,\*  
    and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish;\*  
    for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all\*  
    who take refuge in him!



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**Antiphon: The kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against his Anointed.**

**Antiphon 5**

**They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.**

**Psalm 22: 1-21**

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?\*
- and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;\*
- by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One,\*  
    enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you;\*
- they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered;\*
- they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,\*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;\*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 “He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;\*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,\*  
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;\*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,\*  
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me;\*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me,\*  
like a ravaging and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;\*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;\*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;\*  
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me;\*  
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O Lord;\*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword,\*  
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion’s mouth,\*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren;\*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

 (the fourth candle is extinguished)

### **Antiphon:**

**They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.**

### **Antiphon 6**

**False Witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.**

### **Psalm 27**

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?\*
- the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,\*
- it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me,\*
- yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me,\*
- yet will I put my trust in him.

- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;\*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord\*  
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;\*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head\*  
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;\*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;\*  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."\*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me,\*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away;\*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me,\*  
the Lord will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord;\*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,\*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord\*  
in the land of the living!

 (the fifth candle is extinguished)

### **Antiphon:**

**False Witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.**

*Leader* They divide my garments among them:

*People* **They cast lots for my clothing.**

**Lesson 4** A Reading from the Treatise of Saint Augustine the Bishop on the Psalms.

*(Vulgate Psalm 54. Prayer Book Psalm 55:1,2,10c)*

"Hear my prayer, O God; do not hide yourself from my petition. Listen to me and answer me. I mourn in my trial and am troubled." These are the words of one disquieted, in trouble and anxiety. He prays under much suffering, desiring to be delivered from evil. Let us now see under what evil he lies; and when he begins to speak, let us place ourselves beside him, that, by sharing his tribulation, we may also join in his prayer. "I mourn in my trial," he says, "and am troubled." When does he mourn? When is he troubled? He says, "In my trial." He has in mind the wicked who cause him suffering, and he calls this suffering his "trial." Do not think that the evil are in the world for no purpose, and that God makes no good use of them. Every wicked person lives either that he may be corrected, or that through him the righteous may be tried and tested.



## Responsory 4 *Tamquam ad latronem*

*Leader* Have you come out as against a robber,  
*People* **with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me; but now, behold, you scourge me, and lead me away to be crucified.**

*Leader* When they had laid hands on Jesus and were holding him, he said:  
*People* **Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me; but now, behold, you scourge me, and lead me away to be crucified.**

## Lesson 5

Would that those who now test us were converted and tried with us; yet though they continue to try us, let us not hate them, for we do not know whether any of them will persist to the end in their evil ways. And most of the time, when you think you are hating your enemy, you are hating your brother without knowing it. Only the devil and his angels are shown to us in the Holy Scriptures as doomed to eternal fire. It is only their amendment that is hopeless, and against them we wage a hidden battle. For this battle the Apostle arms us, saying, "We are not contending against flesh and blood," that is, not against human beings whom we see, "but against the principalities, against the powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world." So that you may not think that demons are the rulers of heaven and earth, he says, "of the darkness of this world." He says, "of the world," meaning the lovers of the world-- of the "world," meaning the ungodly and wicked--the "world" of which the Gospel says, "And the world knew him not."

## Responsory 5 *Tenebrae factae sunt*

*Leader* Darkness covered the whole land when Jesus had been crucified;  
*People* **and about the ninth hour he cried with a loud voice: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? And he bowed his head and handed over his spirit.**

*Leader* Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

*People* **And he bowed his head and handed over his spirit.**

## Lesson 6

"For I have seen unrighteousness and strife in the city." See the glory of the cross itself. On the brow of kings that cross is now placed, the cross which enemies once mocked. Its power is shown in the result. He has conquered the world, not by steel, but by wood. The wood of the cross seemed a fitting object of scorn to his enemies, and standing before that wood they wagged their heads, saying, "If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." He stretched out his hands to an unbelieving and rebellious people. If one is just who lives by faith, one who does not have faith is unrighteous. Therefore when he says "unrighteousness," understand that it is unbelief. The Lord then saw unrighteousness and strife in the city, and stretched out his hands to an unbelieving and rebellious people. And yet, looking upon them, he said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

## Responsory 6 *Ecce quomodo moritur*

*Leader* See how the righteous one perishes,  
*People* **and no one takes it to heart. The righteous are taken away, and no one understands. From the face of evil the righteous one is taken away, and his memory shall be in peace.**

*Leader* Like a sheep before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away:  
*People* **and his memory shall be in peace.**

### **Third Nocturn**

#### **Antiphon 7**

**God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

#### **Psalm 54**

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name;\*  
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God;\*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,\*  
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper;\*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me;\*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice\*  
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble,\*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

 (the sixth candle is extinguished)

#### **Antiphon:**

**God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

#### **Antiphon 8**

**At Salem is his tabernacle, and his dwelling is in Zion.**

#### **Psalm 76**

- 1 In Judah is God known;\*  
his Name is great in Israel.
- 2 At Salem is his tabernacle,\*  
and his dwelling is in Zion.
- 3 There he broke the flashing arrows,\*  
the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.
- 4 How glorious you are!\*  
more splendid than the everlasting mountains!
- 5 The strong of heart have been despoiled; they sink into sleep;\*  
none of the warriors can lift a hand.
- 6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob,\*  
both horse and rider lie stunned.
- 7 What terror you inspire!\*  
who can stand before you when you are angry?
- 8 From heaven you pronounced judgment;\*

- the earth was afraid and was still;  
 9 When God rose up to judgment\*  
 and to save all the oppressed of the earth.  
 10 Truly, wrathful Edom will give you thanks,\*  
 and the remnant of Hamath will keep your feasts.  
 11 Make a vow to the Lord your God and keep it;\*  
 let all around him bring gifts to him who is worthy to be feared.  
 12 He breaks the spirit of princes,\*  
 and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

 (the seventh candle is extinguished)

### **Antiphon:**

**At Salem is his tabernacle, and his dwelling is in Zion.**

### **Antiphon 9**

**I have become like one who has no strength, lost among the dead.**

### **Psalm 88**

- 1 O Lord, my God, my Savior,\*  
by day and night I cry to you.
- 2 Let my prayer enter into your presence,\*  
incline your ear to my lamentation.
- 3 For I am full of trouble;\*  
my life is at the brink of the grave.
- 4 I am counted among those who go down to the Pit,\*  
I have become like one who has no strength;
- 5 Lost among the dead,\*  
like the slain who lie in the grave,
- 6 Whom you remember no more,\*  
for they are cut off from your hand.
- 7 You have laid me in the depths of the Pit,\*  
in dark places, and in the abyss.
- 8 Your anger weighs upon me heavily,\*  
and all your great waves overwhelm me.
- 9 You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred by them;\*  
I am in prison and cannot get free.
- 10 My sight has failed me because of trouble;\*  
Lord, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to you.
- 11 Do you work wonders for the dead?\*" will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?
- 12 Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave?\*" your faithfulness in the land of destruction?
- 13 Will your wonders be known in the dark?\*" or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?
- 14 But as for me, O Lord, I cry to you for help;\* in the morning my prayer comes before you.
- 15 Lord, why have you rejected me?\*" why have you hidden your face from me?
- 16 Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death;\*

- I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind.
- 17 Your blazing anger has swept over me;\*  
your terrors have destroyed me;
- 18 They surround me all day long like a flood;\*  
they encompass me on every side.
- 19 My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me,\*  
and darkness is my only companion.

 (the eighth candle is extinguished)

### Antiphon:

**I have become like one who has no strength, lost among the dead.**

*Leader* He has made me dwell in darkness:

*People* **Like the dead of long ago.**

### Lesson 7 A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews. (4:15--5:10; 9:11-15a)

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every 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. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.

#### Responsory 7 *Eram quasi agnus*

*Leader* I was like a trusting lamb led to the slaughter.

*People* **I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, Let us destroy the tree with its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living.**

*Leader* All my enemies whispered together against me, and devised evil against me, saying:

*People* **Let us destroy the tree with its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living.**

### Lesson 8

And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So 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, this day have I begotten you;" as he says also in another place, "You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." In 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 for his godly fear. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and, being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

#### Responsory 8 *Velum templi*

*Leader* The veil of the temple was torn in two,

*People* **and the earth shook, and the thief from the cross cried out, Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

*Leader* The rocks were split, the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who slept were raised:

*People* **and the earth shook, and the thief from the cross cried out, Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

## Lesson 9

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that are to come, then, through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

## Responsory 9 *Sepulto Domino*

*Leader* When the Lord was buried, they sealed the tomb,

*People* **rolling a great stone to the door of the tomb; and they stationed soldiers to guard him.**

*Leader* The chief priests gathered before Pilate, and petitioned him:

*People* **and they stationed soldiers to guard him.**

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### Antiphon 10

**God did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all.**

### Psalm 63: 1-8

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;\*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,\*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;\*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live\*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,\*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed,\*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper,\*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you;\*  
your right hand holds me fast.

 (the ninth candle is extinguished)

## **Antiphon:**

**God did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all.**

## **Antiphon 11**

**He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and he opened not his mouth.**

## **Psalm 90: 1-12**

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge\*  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,\*  
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say,\*  
“Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past\*  
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream;\*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes,\*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure;\*  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you,\*  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;\*  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; \*  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are  
gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? \*  
who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.



(the tenth candle is extinguished)

## **Antiphon:**

**He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and he opened not his mouth.**

## **Antiphon 12**

**They shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only child; for the Lord, who is without sin, is slain.**

## **Psalm 143**

- 1 Lord, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications;\*  
answer me in your righteousness.
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant,\*  
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
- 3 For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground;\*  
he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

- 4 My spirit faints within me;\*  
my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds;\*  
I consider the works of your hands.
- 6 I spread out my hands to you;\*  
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.
- 7 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me;\*  
do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
- 8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you;\*  
show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord,\*  
for I flee to you for refuge.
- 10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;\*  
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- 11 Revive me, O Lord, for your Name's sake;\*  
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.
- 12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught,\*  
for truly I am your servant.

 (the eleventh candle is extinguished)

### **Antiphon:**

**They shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only child; for the Lord, who is without sin, is slain.**

### **Antiphon 13**

**From the gates of hell, O Lord, deliver my soul.**

### **Isaiah 38:10-20 - The Song of Hezekiah**

In my despair I said, "In the noonday of my life I must depart;\*  
my unspent years are summoned to the portals of death."  
And I said, "No more shall I see the Lord in the land of the living,\*  
never more look on my kind among dwellers on earth.  
My house is pulled down and I am uncovered,\*  
as when a shepherd strikes his tent.  
My life is rolled up like a bolt of cloth,\*  
the threads cut off from the loom.  
Between sunrise and sunset my life is brought to an end;\*  
I cower and hope for the dawn.  
Like a lion he has crushed all my bones;\*  
like a swallow or thrush I utter plaintive cries; I mourn like a dove.  
My weary eyes look up to you,\*  
Lord, be my refuge in my affliction."  
But what can I say? for he has spoken;\*  
it is he who has done this.  
Slow and halting are my steps all my days,\*  
because of the bitterness of my spirit.  
O Lord, I recounted all these things to you and you rescued me;\*  
when entreated, you restored my life.  
I know now that my bitterness was for my good,\*  
for you held me back from the pit of destruction, you cast all my sins behind you.

The grave does not thank you nor death give you praise;\*  
nor do those at the brink of the grave hang on your promises.  
It is the living, O Lord, the living who give you thanks as I do this day;\*  
nor do those at the brink of the grave hang on your promises.  
You, Lord, are my Savior; \*  
I will praise you with stringed instruments all the days of my life,  
in the house of the Lord.

 (the twelfth candle is extinguished)

### **Antiphon:**

**From the gates of hell, O Lord, deliver my soul.**

### **Antiphon 14**

**O Death, I will be your death; O Grave, I will be your destruction.**

### **Psalm 150**

- 1 Praise God in his holy temple;\*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn;\*  
praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance;\*  
praise him with strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals;\*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath\*  
praise the Lord.

### **Antiphon:**

**O Death, I will be your death; O Grave, I will be your destruction.**

 (the thirteenth candle is extinguished)

*Leader* My flesh also shall rest in hope:

*People* **You will not let your holy One see corruption.**

### **Antiphon 15**

**Now the women sitting at the tomb made lamentation, weeping for the Lord.**

### **Canticle 16**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;\*  
He has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty savior,\*  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies,\*  
from the hands of all who hate us.
- 4 He promised to show mercy to our fathers\*  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,\*



- to set us free from the hands of our enemies.
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,\*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
  - 7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,\*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.
  - 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation\*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.
  - 9 In the tender compassion of our God\*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
  - 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,\*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Antiphon:**

**Now the women sitting at the tomb made lamentation, weeping for the Lord.**

*The remaining candle is taken from the Altar and hidden.*

**Anthem: *Christus Factus Est***

**Felice Anerio**

Christ was made obedient for us even unto death, even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God also has exalted him and given him a name which is above every name.  
*A brief silence is observed.*

**Psalm 51**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;\*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness\*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions,\*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned\*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak\*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,\*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me,\*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;\*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,\*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins\*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God,\*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence\*  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again\*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,\*  
and sinners shall return to you.

- 15 Deliver me from death, O God,\*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord,\*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,\*  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;\*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- 19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion,\*  
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- 20 Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,  
with burnt-offerings and oblations;\*  
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

### **The Collect**

*Leader:* Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross.

*A noise is made, symbolizing the noise of the stone being rolled back, and the remaining candle is brought from its hiding place, symbolizing the resurrection.  
All depart or end the service in silence.*

## **Maundy Thursday**

## *An Agape Meal*



### **A Note About Tonight's Liturgy**

This worship for Maundy Thursday is an Agape Meal to be shared in the family home. Some members of the congregation may also join together in worship on Zoom at 6:00 pm. **Zoom Meeting ID: 99011973682**

*Agape* is a Greek word meaning "love"—a particular kind of love, separate from romantic love or love of self. Agape is the highest, holiest kind of love, the love that is born of God and revealed most fully in the person of Jesus Christ. When Jesus shared Passover with his

disciples, it was in the home tradition and setting of the Passover meal. The washing of feet, the sharing of bread and wine, and the new commandment to love one another all happened in a home, in a room where Jesus drew his friends together as host, teacher, friend, and master who was there to serve them all.

This meal is not Holy Communion, but it reminds us how every common meal, every act of table fellowship, contains echoes of the Lord's Supper, that great and wondrous Sacrament that we know we will enjoy together again once this time of sacrificial love is past.

### **Here are some things to prepare your home for the service:**

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1. **Prepare a simple meal** to share in your home. A Mediterranean style meal is often chosen for Agape Meals, but any foods are fine as long as they are simple. Salads, soups, simple proteins, fruits and nuts, and simple grains or pastas can all be fine. Include a bit of bread and wine (or juice), according to what is in keeping with your dietary requirements and personal choices.
2. **Set your table with your meal, and bring this leaflet with you.** Bring your candles from your home worship space or set up others and light them before the meal.
3. If several people are present, choose one person to be the Leader and others to do the readings.

**Note:** If you are joining with others from CHT on the Zoom conversation:

- a. Set your space for your meal with a laptop, tablet, cell phone, or internet-connected screen in the room where it can be visible to everyone during the meal.
- b. Make sure your device is connected to the internet and join just before 6.

## **The Opening Acclamation and Collect**

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*All gather around the table, standing as able.*

*After a time of silence, the Leader begins.*

Leader Peace be to this house, and all who live in it.

Leader The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, gave freely of himself to his beloved in the washing of feet and in instituting the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that as we gather in our households we may remember these great gifts of love by Jesus Christ our Lord, and follow his great command to love one another as he eternally loves us all; who has given himself for the whole world, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Gospel Reading: Luke 22:7-16**

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Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it." "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room,

where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.” So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”  
The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God**

## **The Blessing over the Food**

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### **Over the Wine/Drink**

Leader Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May the time come quickly when we can share that cup again, even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Over the Bread**

Leader Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and you have fed us on our way with the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. Let us be fed again soon with that bread of life. And as grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son.

**People To you be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Over the Other Foods**

Leader Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection.

**People For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Reflection:**

As if you could  
stop this blessing  
from washing  
over you.  
As if you could  
turn it back,  
could return it  
from your body  
to the bowl,  
from the bowl  
to the pitcher,  
from the pitcher  
to the hand  
that set this blessing  
on its way.

As if you could  
change the course  
by which this blessing  
flows.  
As if you could  
control how it  
pours over you—  
unbidden,  
unsought,  
unasked,  
yet startling  
in the way  
it matches the need  
you did not know  
you had.

## **Blessing You Cannot Turn Back**

As if you could  
become undrenched.  
As if you could  
resist gathering it up  
in your two hands  
and letting your body  
follow the arc  
this blessing makes.

*by Jan Richardson, The  
Painted Prayerbook:  
<http://paintedprayerbook.com/2011/04/18/holy-thursday-take-a-blessin>*

## **The Meal**

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*The meal is now eaten. If several are gathered, they first serve one another, then dine. **Note:** if you are joining on Zoom, we will join breakout rooms for about 30 minutes.*

## **Holy Conversations**

While you eat, here are some questions you can use to get the conversation going:

- What's a new recipe (or book or tv show or movie) you discovered this last year?
- What do you love most about your home?
- What are you most grateful for about this last year?
- What lessons from your childhood/earlier life have helped you this year?
- How have you shown and received love this year?

## **The Word and the Prayers**

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*As the meal is ending, read the following from the Gospel of John. This is often called the High Priestly Prayer, the final prayer Jesus offers for his disciples before his arrest and crucifixion.*

**Reader 1:** Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

**Reader 2:** I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

**Reader 3:** And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

**Reader 4:** Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and

**Reader 5:** I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become

completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

**Reader 6:** Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

### **Psalm 63:1-8**

*The following psalm is then said together.*

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place;  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.  
When I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you, your right hand holds me fast.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Leader The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray

**All 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Leader O God of the crucified and risen One, from whom no trial or trouble can separate us: you feed us with your Word and soothe us with your Spirit, closer to us than breath itself. Make us glad this night for the life of your servant Jesus; Make us servants of all for the sake of Jesus; who for our sake gave his life for the salvation of all. In the Name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Cleaning our Tables**

*As the evening closes, we clean up our table, listening to Psalm 22 (listen to it here)*

# Keeping Watch: Maundy Thursday Night

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Tonight is the night when some churches set up an overnight vigil. This is a way to relive and faithfully respond to Jesus' question, a faithful response to Jesus' question to the disciples the night before he died: "Could you not stay awake and watch with me one hour?" If you wish to do this in your own home, you or your family may want to spend some time in prayer before a lit candle in your worship space.

*Be still, and know that God is with you*



## Blessing for Staying Awake

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Even in slumber,  
even in dreaming,  
even in sorrow,  
even in pain:  
awake, awake,  
awake my soul

to the One who keeps vigil  
at all times with you.

*by Jan Richardson, The Painted Prayerbook:*

## Good Friday at Home Prayers

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### The Veneration of the Cross

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*At this time, either bring a cross into your space or look at the image of the cross above.  
If you have a cross, you can have someone hold it, or you may simply set it before the group.  
Spend a moment in silent prayer before the cross.*

Leader      Behold the wood of the Cross,  
                  where on was hung the world's Salvation.  
                  Behold the wood of the Cross,  
                  where on was hung the world's Salvation.

Behold the wood of the Cross,  
where on was hung the world's Salvation.

**People** **O come, let us worship.**

*silent reflection and meditation*

**If you wish to hear the choir's anthem "Were you There?" [click here.](#)**

## **The Anthems:**

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### **Anthem 1**

Leader We glory in your cross, O Lord,

**People** **and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.**

Leader May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

**People** **Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

Leader Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**People** **We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.**

### **Anthem 2**

Leader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

**People** **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

**People** **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

### **Anthem 3**

Leader O Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:

**People** **Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

Leader: Let us pray

**All:** **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Leader Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**





## Opening Anthem *O vos omnes*

Pablo Casals

*O all you who pass along this way, behold and see  
if there is any sorrow like unto my sorrow.*

## Opening Acclamation

*Leader* Blessed be our God.

*People* **For ever and ever. Amen.**

*Leader* Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## The First Reading

Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12

*Reader* A Reading from Isaiah.

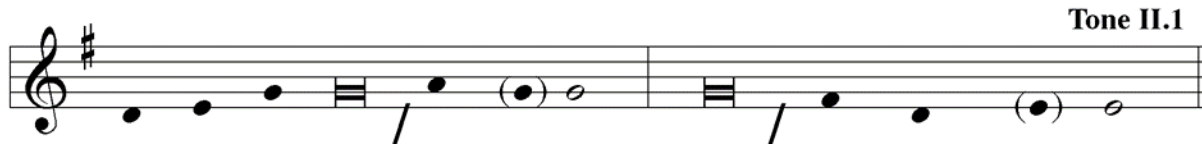
See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the

iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors. Yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gradual Psalm: 22

Plainsong



- 1 My God, my God, why have you for/saken me?\*
- and are so far from my cry and from the words / of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not / answer;\*
- by night as well, but / I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the / Holy One,\*
- enthroned upon the praises / of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their / trust in you;\*
- they trusted, and you / delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were de/livered;\*
- they trusted in you and were / not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no / man,\*
- scorned by all and despised by / the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to / scorn;\*
- they curl their lips and wag their / heads, saying,
- 8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him de/liver him;\*
- let him rescue him, if he / delights in him.”
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the / womb,\*
- and kept me safe upon / my mother’s breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since / I was born;\*
- you were my God when I was still in / my mother’s womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is / near,\*
- and there / is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls en/circle me;\*
- strong bulls of Bashan / surround me.
- 13 They open wide their / jaws at me,\*
- like a ravening and a roar/ing lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are / out of joint;\*

my heart within my breast / is melting wax.  
 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
 my tongue sticks to the roof of my / mouth;\*  
 and you have laid me in the dust / of the grave.  
 16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle a/round me;\*  
 they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count / all my bones.  
 17 They stare and gloat / over me;\*  
 they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for / my clothing.  
 18 Be not far away, O / LORD;\*  
 you are my strength; hasten / to help me.  
 19 Save me from the / sword,\*  
 my life from the power / of the dog.  
 20 Save me from the / lion's mouth,\*  
 my wretched body from the horns / of wild bulls.  
 21 I will declare your Name to my / brethren;\*  
 in the midst of the congregation I / will praise you.  
 22 Praise the LORD, you that / fear him;\*  
 stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
 all you of Jacob's line, / give glory.  
 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
 neither does he hide his / face from them;\*  
 but when they cry to him / he hears them.  
 24 My praise is of him in the great as/sembly,\*  
 I will perform my vows  
 in the presence of those / who worship him.  
 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
 and those who seek the LORD shall / praise him:\*  
 "May your heart live / for ever!"  
 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / LORD;\*  
 and all the families of the nations shall bow / before him.  
 27 For kingship belongs to the / LORD;\*  
 he rules over / the nations.  
 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship;\*  
 all who go down to the dust fall / before him.  
 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / serve him;\*  
 they shall be known as the LORD's / for ever.  
 30 They shall come and make known to a people / yet unborn\*  
 the saving deeds / that he has done.

## **The Second Lesson:**

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

*Reader*

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** *Alone thou goest forth* **Hymn 164**  
*Bangor*

1 A - lone thou go - est forth, O Lord, in  
2 Our sins, not thine, thou bear - est, Lord; make  
3 This is earth's dark - est hour, but thou dost  
4 Grant us with thee to suf - fer pain that,  
sac - ri - fice to die; is this thy sor - row  
us thy sor - row feel, till through our pit - y  
light and life re - store; then let all praise be  
as we share this hour, thy cross may bring us  
nought to us who pass un - heed - ing by?  
and our shame love an - swers love's ap - peal.  
giv - en thee who liv - est ev - er - more.  
to thy joy and re - sur - rec - tion power.

**The Passion Narrative:** John 18:1-19:42

**NARRATOR:** The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

**JESUS:** "Whom are you looking for?"

**NARRATOR:** They answered,

**ALL:** "Jesus of Nazareth."

NARRATOR: Jesus replied,

JESUS: "I am he."

NARRATOR: Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,

JESUS: "Whom are you looking for?"

NARRATOR: And they said,

**ALL:** "Jesus of Nazareth."

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go."

NARRATOR: This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

JESUS: "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

NARRATOR: So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

**ALL:** "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?"

NARRATOR: He said,

PETER: "I am not."

NARRATOR: Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

JESUS: "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said."

NARRATOR: When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

**ALL:** "Is that how you answer the high priest?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"

NARRATOR: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

**ALL:** "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?"

NARRATOR: He denied it and said,

PETER: "I am not."

NARRATOR: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

**ALL:** "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

NARRATOR: Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

PILATE: "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

NARRATOR: They answered,

**ALL: "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."**

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law."

NARRATOR: The Jews replied,

**ALL: "We are not permitted to put anyone to death."**

NARRATOR: (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

NARRATOR: Pilate replied,

PILATE: "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

NARRATOR: Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "So you are a king?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

NARRATOR: Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "What is truth?"

NARRATOR: After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,

PILATE: "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: They shouted in reply,

**ALL: "Not this man, but Barabbas!"**

NARRATOR: Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

**ALL: "Hail, King of the Jews!"**

NARRATOR: and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

PILATE: "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him."

NARRATOR: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Here is the man!"

NARRATOR: When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

**ALL: "Crucify him! Crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him."  
 NARRATOR: The Jews answered him,  
**ALL: "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."**

NARRATOR: Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,  
 PILATE: "Where are you from?"  
 NARRATOR: But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,  
 PILATE: "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered him,  
 JESUS: "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

NARRATOR: From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,  
**ALL: "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."**

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews,  
 PILATE: "Here is your King!"  
 NARRATOR: They cried out,  
**ALL: "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: Pilate asked them,  
 PILATE: "Shall I crucify your King?"  
 NARRATOR: The chief priests answered,  
**ALL: "We have no king but the emperor."**

NARRATOR: Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.  
 NARRATOR: So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.  
**(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able.)**

NARRATOR: There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,  
**ALL: "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"**

NARRATOR: Pilate answered,  
 PILATE: "What I have written I have written."  
 NARRATOR: When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,  
**ALL: "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it."**

NARRATOR: This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

JESUS: "Woman, here is your son."  
 NARRATOR: Then he said to the disciple,  
 JESUS: "Here is your mother."  
 NARRATOR: And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),  
 JESUS: "I am thirsty."  
 NARRATOR: A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,  
 JESUS: "It is finished."  
 NARRATOR: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.  
*Silence.* Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."  
 After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

**The Sermon:**

*The Rev. John Gardner*

**Meditation:**

You will know  
 this blessing  
 by how it  
 does not stay still,  
 by the way it  
 refuses to rest  
 in one place.  
 You will recognize it  
 by how it takes  
 first one form,  
 then another:  
 now running down  
 the face of the mother

who watches the breaking  
 of the child  
 she had borne,  
 now in the stance  
 of the woman  
 who followed him here  
 and will not leave him  
 bereft.  
 Now it twists in anguish  
 on the mouth of the friend  
 whom he loved;  
 now it bares itself  
 in the wound,

**Blessing for Good Friday**

the cry,  
 the finishing and  
 final breath.  
 This blessing  
 is not in any one  
 of these alone.  
 It is what  
 binds them  
 together.  
 It is what dwells  
 in the space  
 between them,



though it be torn  
and gaping.  
It is what abides  
in the tear  
the rending makes.

by Jan Richardson, *The  
Painted Prayerbook*  
<http://paintedprayerbook.com/2011/04/19/good-friday-what-abides/>

**Anthem: *Christus Factus Est***

Anton Bruckner

*Christ was made obedient for us even unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has exalted him and given him a name which is above every name.*

**The Solemn Collects**

*Leader* Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;  
For its unity in witness and service  
For all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve.  
For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Daniel, Bishop in this Diocese;  
the members of the Standing Committee; and all the people of this diocese, For all Christians  
in this community, For those about to be baptized;  
That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;  
For Joseph R. Biden, the President of the United States  
For the Congress and the Supreme Court  
For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations  
For all who serve the common good  
That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;  
For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed  
For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled  
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish  
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair  
For the sorrowful and bereaved  
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;  
For those who have never heard the word of salvation  
For those who have lost their faith  
For those hardened by sin or indifference  
For the contemptuous and the scornful  
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples  
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others  
That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Anthem:** *Crucifixus*

Antonio Lotti

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*He was crucified also for our sake under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.*

**Anthems** *(sung by choir)*

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**Anthem 1**

We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

### Anthem 2

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.  
If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.  
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

### Anthem 3

O Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:  
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

### Hymn: *Were you there?*

### Hymn 172

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
\*3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you  
4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!  
there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!  
there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!  
there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**Concluding Prayer**

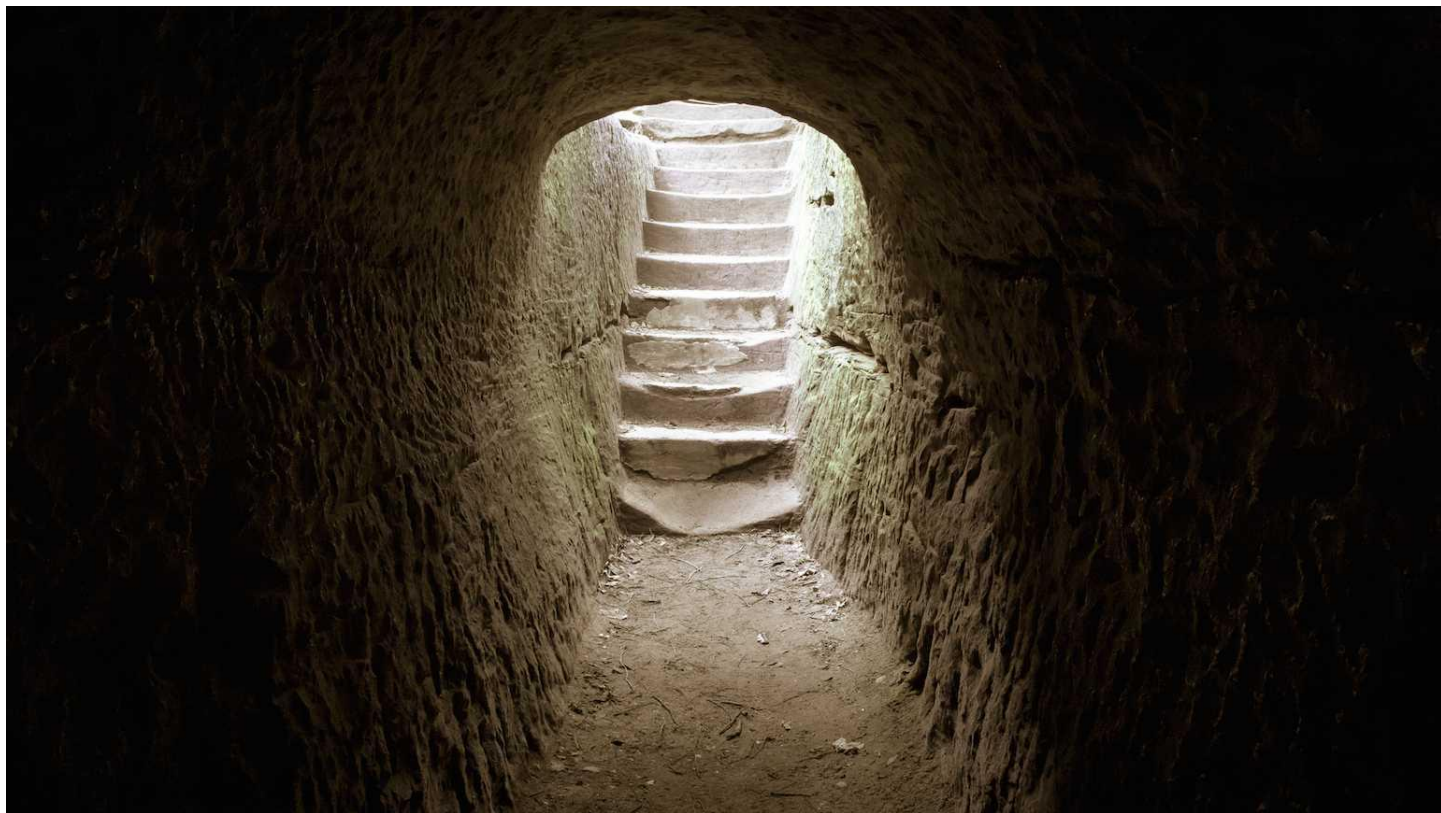
*The people stand or kneel.*

*Leader* Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Silent Meditation*

*The congregation is asked to leave in silence.*

**Holy Saturday 9:00 AM online**



## The Collect of the Day

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*Leader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Leader* Let us pray.

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

Job 14:1-14

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*Reader* A reading from Job.

Job said, "A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble, comes up like a flower and withers, flees like a shadow and does not last. Do you fix your eyes on such a one? Do you bring me into judgment with you? Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one can. Since their days are determined, and the number of their months is known to you, and you have appointed the bounds that they cannot pass, look away from them, and desist, that they may enjoy, like laborers, their days. "For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stump dies in the ground, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth branches like a young plant. But mortals die, and are laid low; humans expire, and where are they? As waters fail from a lake, and a river wastes away and dries up, so mortals lie down and do not rise again; until the heavens are no more, they will not awake or be roused out of their sleep. Oh that you would hide me in Sheol, that you would conceal me until your wrath is past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me! If mortals die, will they live again? All the days of my service I would wait until my release should come."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

Psalms 31: 1-4; 15-16

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- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."



## **Anthem**

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- Leader* In the midst of life we are in death; from whom can we seek help? From you alone, O Lord, who by our sins are justly angered.
- People* **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**
- Leader* Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts; shut not your ears to our prayers, but spare us, O Lord.
- People* **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**
- Leader* O worthy and eternal Judge, do not let the pains of death turn us away from you at our last hour.
- People* **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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- All* **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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Grace**

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- Leader* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

# **Easter Eve** The Great Easter Vigil



## **A Note About Tonight's Liturgy**

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The Great Vigil of Easter is the most symbolically beautiful and profoundly mysterious liturgy of the year. It begins in darkness –either the darkness of Saturday evening or the darkness of Easter morning before the dawn. It is tradition at the Church of the Holy Trinity to keep this vigil on Saturday evening, beginning at 8:00 pm.

You are welcome to join us on live on Facebook for this service, or you can find your own time to worship. While there are some references to “evening” in this liturgy, you could pray this rite in the morning before the sunrise.

For this liturgy, set a large candle in the middle of your home worship space. Then, if you can, give every member of your family their own candle. These will be lighted during the first part of the worship. It is helpful to begin this liturgy truly in the dark. If you are able to shut off the lights in your home and read by candlelight, you are encouraged to do so. You may also wish to place a bowl of water in your place of worship. Even if the water is not blessed, it can still serve as a reminder of the waters of baptism.

## **The Lighting of the New Fire**

*The People gather by their place of worship in the dark, holding unlighted candles. One person lights the large candle in the worship space. In the church, the fire in the font is lit.*

*Leader* Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

*Leader* Let us pray.  
O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

*Handheld candles are lit or turned on. In the church, the leader carries the Paschal Candle and sings the following 3 times, with the people responding.*

*Leader* The Light of Christ

***People* Thanks be to God**

## **The Exultet**

*Leader* Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

*Leader* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

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 land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God. Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of these candles in your honor. May they shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find our faith ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading

*Exod. 14:10-31; 15:20-21*

Reader When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them; and they were in great fear. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord; and they said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, in bringing us out of Egypt? Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be still." The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go on dry ground through the sea. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen." Then the angel of God who went before the host of Israel moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness; and the night passed without one coming near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters

being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down upon the host of the Egyptians, and discomfited the host of the Egyptians, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel; for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." So Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its wonted flow when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled into it, and the Lord routed the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen and all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not so much as one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. And Israel saw the great work which the Lord did against the Egyptians, and the people feared the Lord; and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then Miriam, the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea."

*Leader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**The Response: *Canticle 8 The Song of Moses***

*Cantemus Domino*

*sung by the choir*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

*Leader*

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Second Reading

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

Reader: Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

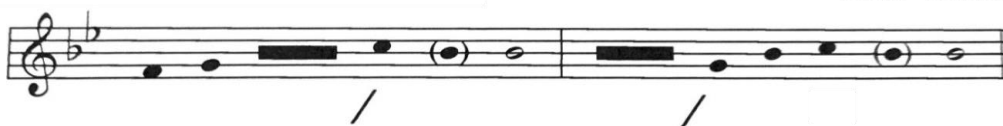
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response: *Psalm 98*

*Plainsong*

*Tone VIII.2*



- 1 Sing to the LORD a / new song,\*  
for he has done / marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his / holy arm\*  
has he won for him/self the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his / victory;\*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight / of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of / Israel,\*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victo/ry of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, / all you lands;\*  
lift up your / voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the / harp,\*  
with the harp / and the voice of song.

- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the / horn\*  
 shout with joy be/fore the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is / in it,\*  
 the lands and / those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers / clap their hands,\*  
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
 when he / comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he / judge the world\*  
 and the peo/ples with equity.

Leader

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Sermon

*The Rev. John Gardner*

*for those at home:*

### Easter Vigil Meditation

This blessing  
 can wait as long  
 as you can.

Longer.

This blessing  
 began eons ago  
 and knows the art  
 of enduring.

This blessing  
 has passed  
 through ages  
 and generations,  
 witnessed the turning  
 of centuries,  
 weathered the spiraling  
 of history.

This blessing  
 is in no rush.

This blessing  
 will plant itself  
 by your door.

This blessing  
 will keep vigil  
 and chant prayers.

This blessing  
 will bring a friend  
 for company.

This blessing  
 will pack a lunch  
 and a thermos  
 of coffee.

This blessing  
 will bide  
 its sweet time

### The Art of Enduring

until it hears  
 the beginning  
 of breath,  
 the stirring  
 of limbs,  
 the stretching,  
 reaching,  
 rising  
 of what had lain  
 dead within you  
 and is ready  
 to return.

*by Jan Richardson, The  
 Painted Prayerbook  
<https://paintedprayerbook.com/2011/04/19/holy-saturday-the-art-of-enduring/>*

### The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Please stand as able*

Leader

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Leader* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

***People*** **I do.**

*Leader* Do you believe in God the Father?

***People*** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Leader* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People*** **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 to the dead. 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.**

*Leader* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People*** **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.**

*Leader* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***People*** **I will, with God's help.**

*Leader* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People*** **I will, with God's help.**

*Leader* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People*** **I will, with God's help.**

*Leader* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People*** **I will, with God's help.**

*Leader* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People*** **I will, with God's help.**

*Leader* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Holy Communion**

*The candles at the Altar are lit from the Paschal Candle and the lights in the church are raised.*

*Leader* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***People*** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Leader* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***People*** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Leader* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***People*** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

# The Gloria



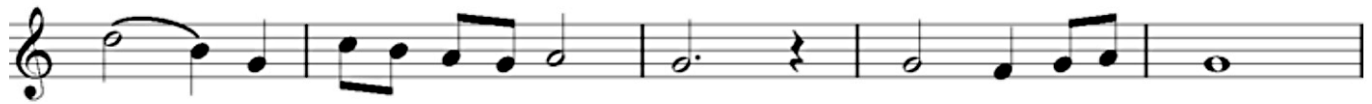
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Leader* Let us pray.

God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord’s resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Epistle Reading**

Romans 6:3-11

*Reader* A Reading from the Letter to the Romans

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But 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. 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



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2. A lamb the sheep re - deem - eth: Christ, who on - ly is sin - less,



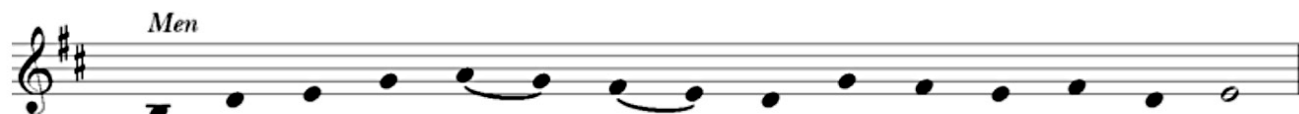
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3. Death and life have con - tend - ed in that com - bat stu - pen - dous:



the Prince of life, who died, reigns im - mor - tal.



4. Speak, Ma - ry, de - clar - ing what thou saw - est, way - far - ing:



5. "The tomb of Christ, who is liv - ing, the glo - ry of

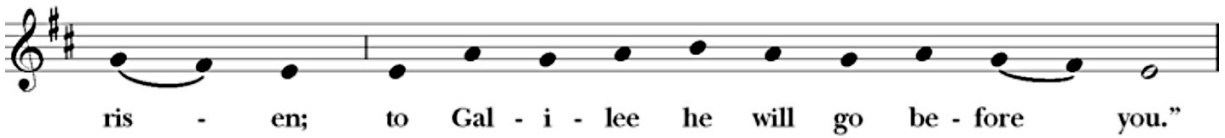


Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion; 6. bright an - gels at - test - ing,



the shroud and nap - kin rest - ing. 7. Yea, Christ my hope is a -





**The Gospel**

Mark 16:1-8

*Reader* A Reading from the Gospel of Mark  
When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**The Prayers of the People: Easter Vigil**

*Leader* On this holy night of resurrection and joy, let us pray for the church and the world.

*Leader* O God, we give thanks for the goodness of creation, for the victory of resurrection, and for the grace of redemption. We praise you for leading us from darkness into light, and for bringing us through the waters of death into new life in you.

*People* **Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**

*Leader* That the church throughout our world that we, celebrating the resurrection with joy, may bring the light of Christ into the world.

*People*        **Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**

*Leader*        That our community, renewed this night through word and sacrament, may care for one another in love that surpasses understanding: Lord, in your mercy,

*People*        **Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**

*Leader*        That the people of the world, remembering the source of creation, may care for the waters of the earth and for all living things and recall that we are all connected to God who created us all: Lord, in your mercy.

*People*        **Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**

*Leader*        That the leaders of nations, knowing their power, may bring peace and justice to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

*People*        **Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**

*Leader*        That all who have commended themselves to us for any need, *[fill in the prayer list]* and that all who suffer, recalling the mystery of Christ crucified and risen, may be comforted. Lord, in your mercy,

*People*        **Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**

*Leader*        In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs, for the witnesses of the resurrection, and for all who have passed over from the darkness of death into the glorious light of Christ *[especially N.]*. Lord, in your mercy,

*People*        **Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**

*Leader*        Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Offertory Sentence**

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.*

### **The Anthem: Christ the Lord is Risen Again**

**John Rutter**

*Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken every chain! Hark, the angels shout for joy, singing evermore on high, Alleluia! He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, Is our Paschal Lamb today! We too sing for joy and say Alleluia! He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. Alleluia! Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored How the penitent forgiven how we too may enter heaven. Alleluia! Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today thy people feed; Take our sins and guilt away, that we all may sing for ay, Alleluia!*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

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

*Leader*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*Leader* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his

disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Leader* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Leader* And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*All* **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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Fraction Anthem

The musical score for "The Fraction Anthem" is written on three staves. The first staff is divided into three sections: "Cantor" (3/4 time), "Choir" (4/4 time), and "Congregation & Choir" (4/4 time). The lyrics are: "Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia. Al - le-lu - ia." The second staff continues the lyrics: "Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri-ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the". The third staff concludes with: "feast. Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia. Al - le-lu - ia." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, time signatures, and rests.

*Leader* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

For Those who are watching the service:

## The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**All** My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787*)

## Post Communion Prayer

*Leader* Let us pray.

**All** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

*Leader* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always.

*People* Amen.

## The Closing Hymn: Come ye faithful, raise the strain

**Hymn 200**

*Gaudeamus pariter*



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

## The Dismissal

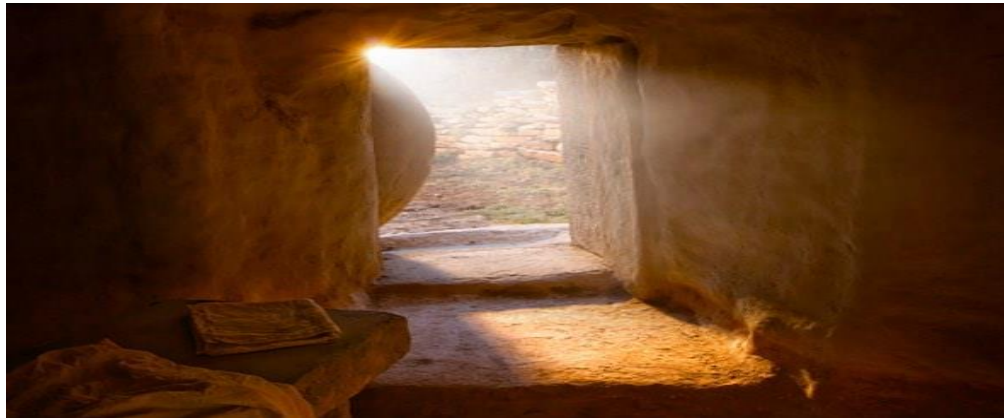
Leader Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** *Gaudeamus pariter*

Jan Bender

## Easter Day

online 11:00 am



### The Service of Holy Communion, Rite II

**Prelude:** *Aurora Lucis Rutilat*

Gerald Near

**Introit:** *Haec Dies*

William Byrd

*This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. (Ps 118:24)*

**Entrance Hymn:**

*Jesus Christ is risen today*  
*Easter Hymn*

**Hymnal 207**

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love, Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - - le - lu - ia!

### **Easter Acclamation**

Leader Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
 People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### **The Collect for Purity**

Leader Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Festival Canticle:**

*Antiphon*

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 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]  
 2 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]  
 3 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Final Antiphon*

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### **The Collect of the Day**

Leader The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

Leader O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
 his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
 "His mercy endures for ever."

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
 and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
 in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
 the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
 and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
 but he did not hand me over to death.



19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
 I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.  
 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
 he who is righteous may enter."  
 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
 and have become my salvation.  
 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
 has become the chief cornerstone.  
 23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
 and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
 24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**The Second Lesson**

**Acts 10:34-43**

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
 Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
 People **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sequence Hymn:**

**Hymn 208**

*Victory*

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

Leader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Leader When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Leader The Gospel of the Lord.  
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*The Reverend John Gardner*

*for those at home*

**Meditation for Easter Day**

You hardly imagined standing here, everything you ever loved suddenly returned to you, looking you in the eye and calling your name. And now you do not know how to abide this hole in the center of your chest, where a door slams shut and swings open at the same time, turning on the hinge of your aching and hopeful heart.

I tell you, this is not a banishment from the garden. This is an invitation, a choice, a threshold, a gate.  
  
This is your life calling to you from a place you could never have dreamed, but now that you have glimpsed its edge, you cannot imagine choosing any other way. So let the tears come as anointing,

**The Magdalene’s Blessing**

as consecration, and then let them go. Let this blessing gather itself around you. Let it give you what you will need for this journey. You will not remember the words— they do not matter. All you need to remember is how it sounded when you stood in the place of death and heard the living call your name.

*For Easter Day by Jan Richardson, Sanctuary of Women*

**The Nicene Creed**

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People: Easter Day**

Leader Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray, Risen Lord,

**People Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love, For the beauty of this home God has created for us, For our families and our friendships, Let us give thanks to the God of Life. Risen Lord,

**People Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God: For our clergy and our bishops, for the many lay people who serve the church, And serve the world through the church. For those gather here in worship and prayer. Risen Lord,

**People Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up. Risen Lord,

**People Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, especially those on our prayer list: **(insert names)** that the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, And that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores. Risen Lord,

**People Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. **Amen**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.*

## Anthem: *Easter Hymn*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Alleluya. Christ is now risen agayne from His death and all His payne; therefore wyll we mery be, and rejoyse with Him gladly. Kirieleyson. Had He not risen agayne, we had ben lost, this is playne; But sen He is risen in dede, let us love Hym all with spede. Kirieleyson. Now is tyme of gladnesse, to syng of the Lorde's goodnesse; Therefore glad now wyll we be, and rejoyse in Hym onely. Kirieleyson.(Bishop Myles Coverdale)

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Leader* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Leader* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Leader* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## The Sanctus

The musical score for 'The Sanctus' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is marked 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,'. The second staff is marked 'The Choir alone' and 'All', and contains the lyrics 'hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na,'. The third staff contains the lyrics 'Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the'. The fourth staff contains the lyrics 'name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.'.

*Leader* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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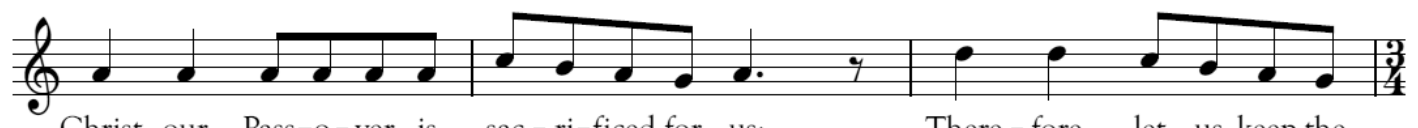



All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Leader* And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All 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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Fraction Anthem *Ambrosian Chant* Hymnal S-152

<i>Cantor</i>	<i>Choir</i>	<i>Congregation &amp; Choir</i>
 <p>Al - le - lu - ia.</p>	 <p>Al - le - lu - ia.</p>	 <p>Al - le - lu - ia.</p>
 <p>Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the</p>		
 <p>feast.</p>	 <p>Al - le - lu - ia.</p>	 <p>Al - le - lu - ia.</p>

Leader The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Anthem at Communion: Alleluia Kile Smith

### Post Communion Prayer

Leader Let us pray.

**All** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Blessing

Leader The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### The Closing Hymn:

*He is risen*  
*Unser Herrscher*

**Hymn 180**

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and the key of B-flat major. The lyrics are as follows:

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
\*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened  
joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re-joice: death is con- quered,  
 Je- sus' woes are o- ver now, and the pas- sion  
 yon- der glo- rious morn- ing ray, break- ing o'er the  
 ris- en to a ho- lier state; and a bright- er

we are free, Christ has won the vic- to- ry.  
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur- ple east, sym- bol of our Eas- ter feast.  
 Eas- ter beam on our long- ing eyes shall stream.

## **The Dismissal**

Leader Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
 People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Postlude** *Improvisation-Toccatà: The Strife is O'er*

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