



Holy Week & Easter at Home

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Welcome to the Cathedral of the Incarnation

Holy Week

The holiest week of the Christian year begins this Sunday. We wave our branches and shout Hosanna as Jesus enters Jerusalem. We hail him as King and hope that he will shine his glory upon us. As we walk alongside Jesus, he invites us to share a meal, but first he kneels before us and washes our feet. By this sign we have been given the great *mandatum*, mandate, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." It is a night of remembrance when the Passover meal becomes the Paschal feast. It is also the night of Jesus' betrayal. When he is arrested by the authorities and handed over to death, death on a cross. Suddenly the voice of the crowd changes from Hosanna to crucify him and the road becomes the *via delorosa*, the sorrowful way. It is here, stunned in silence, that the cross becomes the *Dominus viam salutis*, the way of salvation.

Numbed by the horror of crucifixion, we sit in darkness and we wait. Slowly but surely the light of Christ forges itself through the door of our heart. Even though the darkness remains, in the heat and light of this new fire we remember. We tell the story of our ancestors in exile, we dream of home, the stone of the tomb is rolled away and we are filled with new life.

Creating a Sacred Space

All of our homes are extensions of our Cathedral home. We invite you, during these holy days to create a sacred space in your home. It can simply be the dining room table, a coffee table or in the middle of your living room floor. Decorate it in whatever way you would like, a cloth, an open Bible, a cross, a candle and maybe some branches. As we celebrate each day of Holy Week you will be asked to prepare this sacred space before we begin the liturgy.

PALM SUNDAY

PREPARATION

As we prepare for today's celebration of Palm Sunday, we invite you to gather some branches and place them around your sacred space.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

THE OPENING HYMN

Valet will tech dir geben

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 COLLECT

Presider 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.

People Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Sniffen
Dean of the Cathedral

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

Lector A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

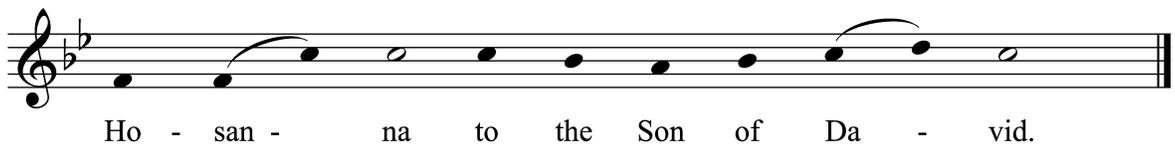
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29



Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter." *Antiphon*

Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. *Antiphon*

God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. "You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you." *Antiphon*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

HYMN

Solo

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon We offer to God our concerns for the church and the world with the humility Jesus showed in his life and death.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor That our celebration of the paschal mystery will deepen our faith and lead us to be unafraid to share the good news of salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

That leaders of nations will seek nonviolent ways to settle differences, for peace throughout the world and for an end to war, violence, prejudice and hate. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

That led by your Spirit through these holy days, we may deepen our desire to empty ourselves in service to our troubled world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

That all who are sick and all who have asked of our prayers, especially those who have been affected by the Coronavirus, may they find comfort and hope in the image of Christ, the suffering servant. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died. May they be at rest in the arms of a loving God. For their families and friends that their grief may not overwhelm them. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

Presider Gathering our prayers and our praises into one, we are bold to say:

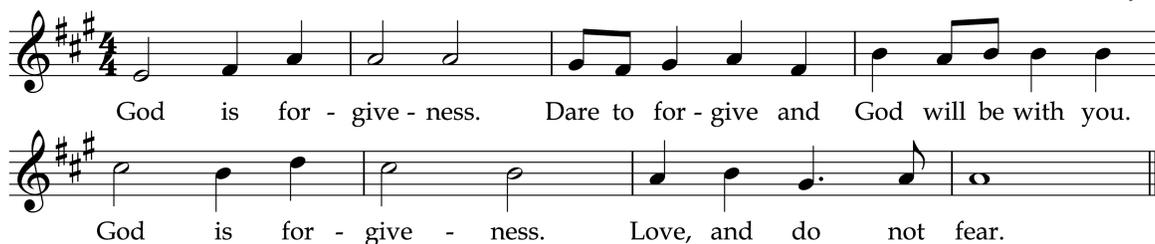
People Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Presider O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

HYMN

Taizé Community



God is for - give - ness. Dare to for - give and God will be with you.
God is for - give - ness. Love, and do not fear.

THE BENEDICTION

Presider 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. And the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People Amen.

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ, Amen.

Maundy Thursday

PREPARATION

As we prepare for this evening's celebration of Maundy Thursday we invite you to place a bowl with warm soapy water and a towel at your Sacred Space. We also invite you to place some fresh or dried fruit and nuts, fruit juice or wine and bread.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

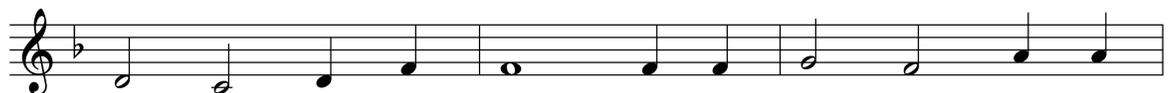
Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

THE OPENING HYMN

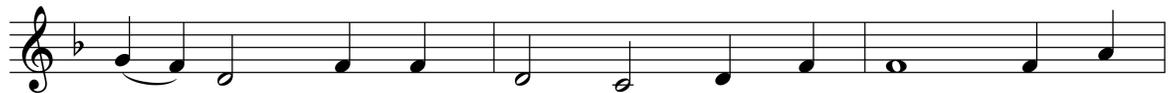
Beach Spring



1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble serv - ice Bore the
2. Still the chil - dren wan - der home - less, Still the
3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your
4. Called from wor - ship in - to serv - ice, Forth in



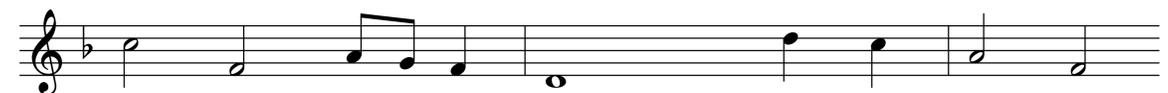
weight of hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for -
hun - gry cry for bread. Still the cap - tives long for
love's re - veal - ing light In its height and depth and
your great name we go To the child, the youth, the



sak - en, Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed: We, your
free - dom, Still in grief we mourn our dead. As you,
great - ness Dawns up - on our hu - man sight, Mak - ing
a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show. Hope and



ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of
Lord, in deep com - pas - sion, Healed the
known the needs and bur - dens Your com -
health, good - will and com - fort, Coun - sel,



voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se - crat - ing
sick and freed the soul, Use the love your
pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring us to
aid, and peace we give That your chil - dren,



to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that you im - part.
 Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 faith - ful serv - ice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom, May your mer - cy know, and live.

THE COLLECT

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Morgan Mercer Ladd
Sub-Dean of the Cathedral

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Lector A reading from Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 116 Dilexi, quoniam



I will take the cup of sal - va - tion, and call up - on the name of the Lord.

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. *Antiphon*

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you O Jerusalem. *Antiphon*

THE GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. "Now the Son of Man has

been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

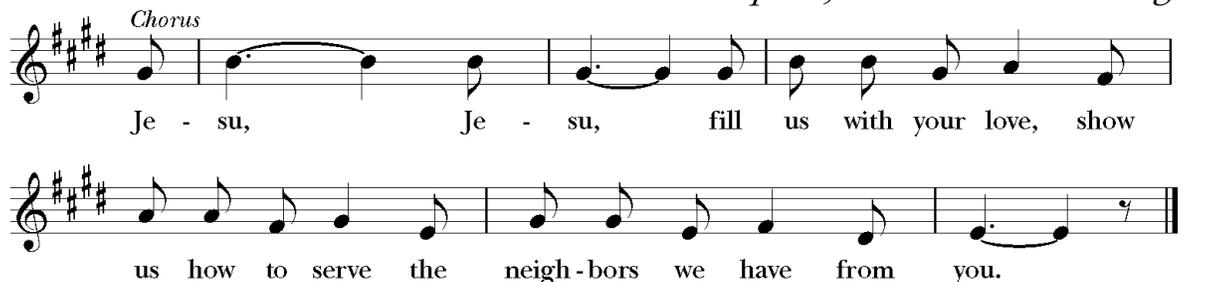
THE WASHING OF HANDS

Presider My brothers and sisters in Christ, on the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. I now invite you to wash your hands in the bowl paced in your sacred space as a sign that we are all called to be servants.

HYMN

Chereponi, Ghanaian Folk Song

Chorus



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
 us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh - bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon United with Christians around the globe on this Maundy Thursday, let us pray for the church, the earth, our troubled world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Intercessor Blessed are you, holy God, for the church. Gather all the baptized around your presence in the Word. Strengthen the body of your people even when we cannot assemble for worship. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God, for our nation. Inspire all people to live in peace and concord. Grant wisdom and courage to heads of state and to legislators as they face the coronavirus. Lead our elected officials to champion the cause of the needy. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, faithful God, for you accompany suffering humanity with love. Abide wherever the coronavirus has struck. Visit all who mourn their dead; all who have contracted the virus; those who are quarantined or stranded away from home; those who have lost their employment; those who fear the present and the future. Support physicians, nurses, home health aides and medical researchers. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, for you care for the needy. We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, loving God, that your Son knelt before us, your unworthy servants. Preserve our lives, comfort our anxiety, and receive now the petitions of our hearts. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

Presider Gathering our prayers and our praises into one, we are bold to say:

People 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.

An Agapé Feast

HYMN

Taste and See, James Moore

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

THE BLESSING OF FOOD

Please lift each item of food as the following blessings are prayed.

Over the Fruit Juice or Wine

Presider 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. Glory to you for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Over the Bread

Presider 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. To you be glory and power for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Over the Other Foods

Presider 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. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

Presider The peace of the Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**



Good Friday

The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

PREPARATION

On this Good Friday your Sacred Space should be empty. Later in the Liturgy you will asked to place a cross in your Sacred Space.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be our God,
People For ever and ever.

THE COLLECT

Presider Let us pray
From the throne of grace, O God of mercy, at the hour your Son gave himself to death, hear the devout prayer of your people. As he is lifted high upon the cross, draw into his exalted life all who are reborn in the blood and water flowing from his opened side. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Passover and our peace, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Lector A reading from the Prophet 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22

Plainsong, Mode IV



My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest, *Antiphon*

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people. All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying, “He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him.” *Antiphon*

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax. My mouth is dried out like potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. *Antiphon*

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO JOHN

- Narrator* 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,
- Crowd* "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
- Crowd* "Crucify him, crucify him!"
- Narrator* Pilate said to them,
- Pilate* "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no case against him."
- Narrator* The crowd answered him,
- Crowd* "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. Therefore Pilate 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 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 crowd cried out,
- Crowd* "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor' every one 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 of the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the crowd,
- Pilate* "Here is your King!"
- Narrator* They cried out,
- Crowd* "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!"
- Narrator* Pilate asked them,
- Pilate* "Shall I crucify your King?"
- Narrator* The chief priests answered,

Crowd "We have no king but the emperor."
Narrator Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. 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. 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 who saw it 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 said to Pilate,

Crowd "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 his tunic. Now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,

Crowd "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it."
Narrator This was to fulfil what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, and 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 to his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil 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 is kept for a few moments, during which some may wish to kneel.

Narrator Since it was the day of Preparation, the priests 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 shall look on the one whom they have pierced."

THE SERMON

The Reverend Adam Bucko
Minor Canon

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

Presider 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.

People Let us pray for the holy catholic Church of Christ throughout the world; for all those who meet in homes on these holy days, for those isolated due to illness or age that all your people might be one.

Silence

Presider 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.**

People Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those to whom their care is entrusted, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Presider 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.**

People **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, selfishness, and despair. For the sorrowful and bereaved. For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger. May God in mercy 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.**

Silence

Presider **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.**

People **Let us commit ourselves to 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.**

Silence

Presider **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.****

THE PREPARATION OF THE CROSS

Presider **We adore you O Christ and we praise you.**

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

Presider

As we sing O sacred head sore wounded, I invite you to place a cross in your Sacred Space.

HYMN

Herslich tut mich verlangen

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.

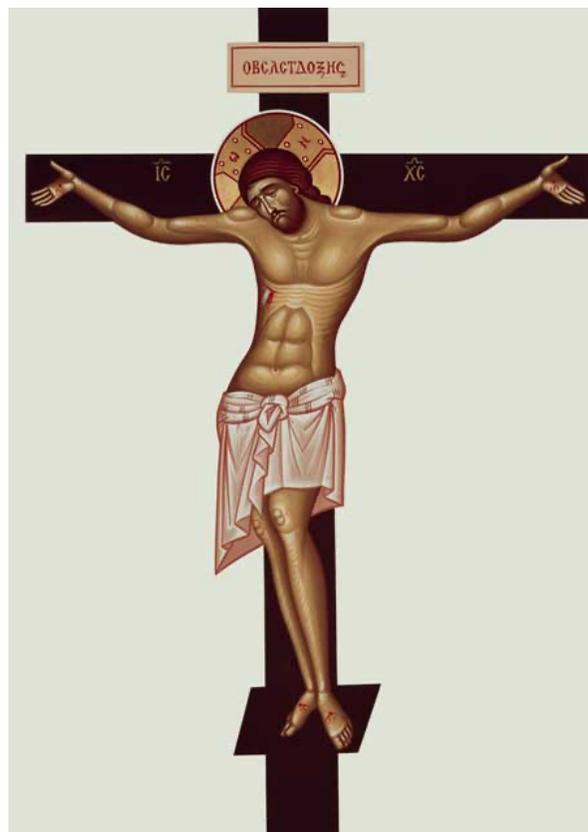
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider In the words our Savior taught us, we are bold to say:

People 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.

Presider 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.



The Great Vigil of Easter

PREPARATION

*We invite you to place a single candle in your Sacred Space. Once the Paschal Candle has been lit, we invite you to lite your candle. During the singing of **He is risen**, turn on all the lights in your house and bring spring flowers to your Sacred Space.*

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Bishop 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, we share in his victory over death.

The Easter fire is now lit.

Bishop 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.

People Amen.

Deacon May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

THE EXULTET

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.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father,
accept this candle, a solemn offering,
the work of bees and of your servants' hands,
an evening sacrifice of praise,
this gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar,
which glowing fire ignites for God's honor,
a fire into many flames divided,
yet never dimmed by sharing of its light,
for it is fed by melting wax,
drawn out by mother bees
to build a torch so precious.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice,
the offering of this candle in your honor.
May it shine continually to drive away all darkness.

May Christ, the Morning Star
who knows no setting, find it ever burning
he who gives his light to all creation,
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Presider

Dear friends in Christ, we have begun our solemn vigil. Let us now listen attentively to the story of our salvation remembering how God saved his people throughout history, and, in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer. Throughout our Easter celebration, may the Lord open our hearts so that He might live in us forever. May we come to celebrate with joy and believe with confidence.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Reader III A reading from Exodus

Reader I As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the

Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told 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.”

Reader II But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish 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 keep still.”

Reader III Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

Reader I The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Reader II Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Reader I The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty.

Reader II The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.”

Reader I So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Reader III Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader I Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

Reader II The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Adon Olam

Verse 1 Hebrew, Verse 2 Solo, Verse 3 All

1 Sing now with joy un - to the Lord, for
 2 God is our strength, he is our song, he
 3 He on - ly is the might - y Lord. He

he has tri - umphed glo - rious - ly! The horse, the rid - er,
 saved us from our en - e - my. All praise and thanks to
 on - ly can des - troy the foe. He on - ly is to

and the sword he cast in - to the rag - ing sea.
 him be - long who came to set his peo - ple free.
 be a - dored for he a - lone can strength be - stow.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT

Bishop + Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Bishop Let us pray
 O 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 for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Unser Herrsch

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



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano
Bishop of Long Island

HYMN

Solo

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

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

People **I do.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God,**

the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop

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.

Bishop

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.**

Bishop

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.

Bishop

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.

Bishop

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

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

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

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

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.

Bishop

This is our faith, the faith of the Church and we are proud to profess it in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon On this most holy night, we pray for the church, the earth, the world, those in need, and all the members of God's family.

A brief silence.

Intercessor We pray, O God, for all the churches around the globe: for their leaders and clergy; for the newly baptized; for the believers who cannot assemble for worship; for faithful endurance during this time of sorrow and distress; and for a deepening sense of your presence among us. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for peace and justice in the world: for an end to war and international turmoil; for concord in our troubled society; for the heads of state, legislators, and local civic leaders, that they enact wise procedures to deal with the coronavirus. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God for all who are facing the coronavirus: for all who mourn their dead; all who have contracted the virus; those who are quarantined or stranded away from home; those who have lost their employment; those who fear the present and the future. We pray for physicians, nurses, home health aides and medical researchers. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for all in need: for those suffering for the faith; for those who are poor, hungry, and homeless; for those who are sick and those awaiting death; and for those we name before you here. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanks for all who died in the faith and bring us at the final resurrection into your everlasting life, where sorrows will be no more. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider Gathering our prayers and our praises into one, we are bold to say:

People **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

Presider Let us pray
 Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of
 the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism,
 that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light
 in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

THE FINAL HYMN

Lyra davidica



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n 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!
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Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
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THE BENEDICTION

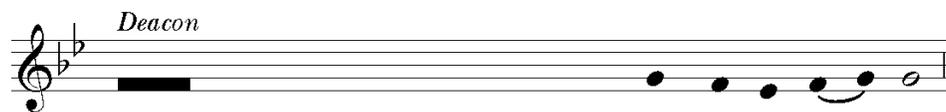
Bishop May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

Bishop May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

Bishop May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

Bishop And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**

INVITATION TO THE EASTER FEAST



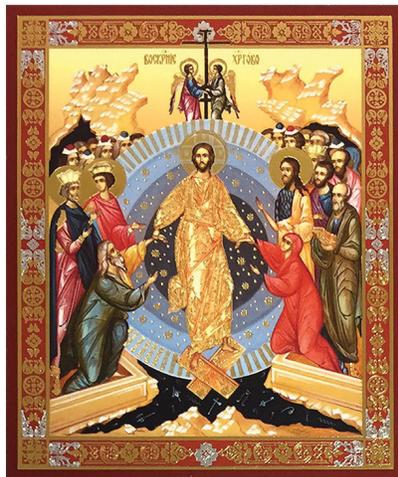
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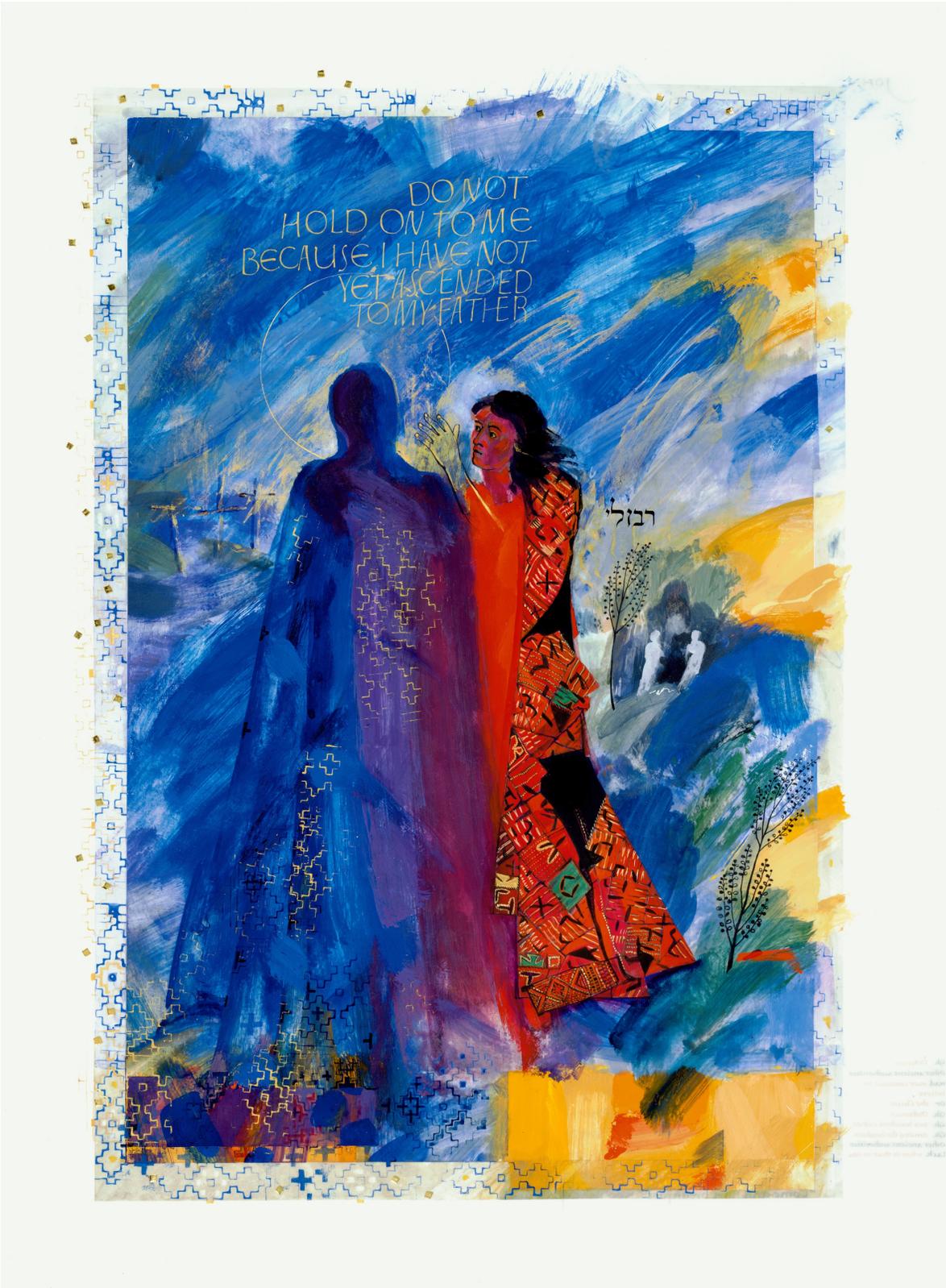


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Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.





Easter Morning Prayer

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

Solo

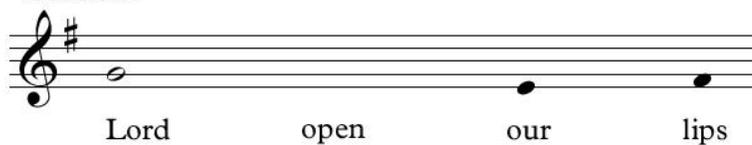
THE OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant + Alleluia! Christ is risen!

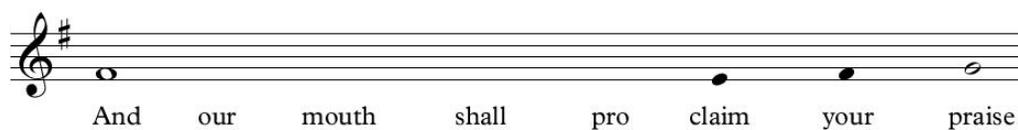
People The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

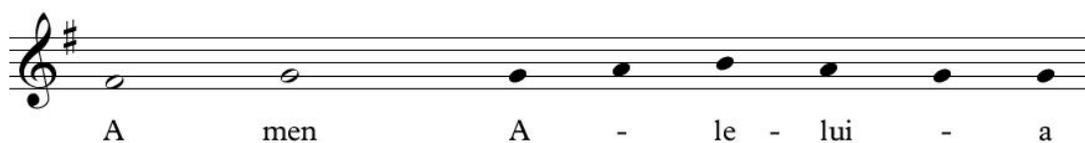
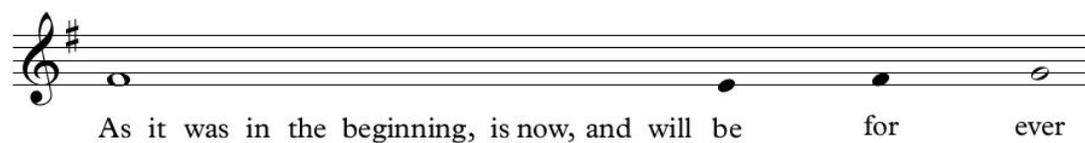
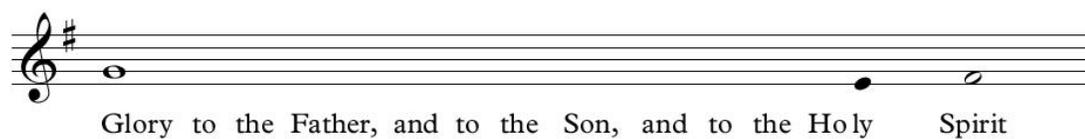
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THE MORNING HYMN

Lyra davidica



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THE PSALMODY

148 *Laudate Dominum*

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
 praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
 praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
 praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
 and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
 for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

149 *Cantate Domino*

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

150 *Laudate Dominum*

1 Hallelujah! 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. Hallelujah!

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 LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

Reader

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where

he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Sniffen

Dean of the Cathedral

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE

Solo

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

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

People **I do.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop This is our faith, the faith of the Church and we are proud to profess it in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.
People **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE SUFFRAGES

**Show us your mercy, O Lord;
And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.
Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

Collect for Easter Sunday

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 for ever. **Amen.**

An Easter Collect

God of life, listen to the prayers of your Easter people, gathered to celebrate the death and resurrection of your Son. Bring light and peace to all who are in need. We ask this in the name of the Risen One, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect from The Rev. Dr Sam Wells

God of healing and hope, in Jesus you meet us in our places of pain and fear. Look with mercy on those who have contracted the new virus, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern, by your Holy Spirit bring out the best not the worst in us. Make us more aware of our interdependence on each other, and of the strength that comes from being one body in you. Through Christ our wounded healer. **Amen.**

You are invited to offer intercessions and thanksgiving either silently or aloud.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**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.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

People Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Bishop May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. Amen.

Bishop May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen.

Bishop May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen.

Bishop And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

Hymn to joy



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
 2. Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
 3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who
 4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders Crowd on faith; what



1. rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
 2. yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing,
 3. once was dead; Join with all the heav'n - ly voic - es;
 4. joy un - known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



1. To the form - er days be - long. All a - round the
 2. Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
 3. Child of God, lift up your head! Pa - tri - archs from
 4. Saints shall stand be - fore the throne! Oh, to en - ter



1. clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's
 2. Christ pre - pares it, There on high our wel - come waits; Ev - 'ry
 3. dis - tant a - ges, Saints all long - ing for their heav'n, Proph - ets,
 4. that bright por - tal, See that glow - ing fir - ma - ment, Know, with



1. like - ness, peo - ple wak - ing, Know the ev - er - last - ing peace.
 2. hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.
 3. psalm - ists, seers, and sa - ges, All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.
 4. you, O God im - mor - tal, Je - sus Christ whom you have sent!

THE DISMISSAL



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Praise You for this Resurrection Madness

Lord of such amazing surprises
as put a catch in my breath
and wings on my heart,
I praise you for this joy,
too great for words,
but not for tears and songs and sharing;
for this mercy
that blots out my betrayals
and bids me begin again
to limp on,
to hop-skip-and-jump on,
to mend what is broken
in and around me,
and to forgive the breakers;
for this YES
to life and laughter,
to love and lovers,
and to my unwinding self;
for this kingdom
unleashed in me and I in it forever,
and no dead ends to growing,
to choices,
to chances,
to calls to be just;
no dead ends to living,
to making peace,
to dreaming dreams,
to being glad of heart;
for this resurrection madness
which is wiser than I
and in which I see
how great you are,
and how full of grace.

Alleluia!

Ted Loder – Guerrillas of Grace

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