



THE CHURCH OF THE  
**Good Shepherd**

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**The Liturgy**  
*of*  
**Holy Week 2019**

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*The Triduum*

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Please take this booklet with you.

The Church of the Good Shepherd seeks to use language in worship which reflects both what we believe about God and what we believe about each other—namely, that all people are equal and that God’s being embraces us all. We use gender inclusive language texts from the Anglican Church of Canada’s liturgical Book of Alternative Services and other sources from the worldwide Anglican Communion. We occasionally make other minimal but symbolically important alterations to texts so as to reflect our commitment to an inclusive approach to theology. From time to time we include wording which expands our vision of God beyond the tradition that is heavily dominated by male imagery. We also recognize that there are much-loved historical texts that should maintain their poetic integrity and so remain unaltered.

We read from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible which uses inclusive language in references to men and women wherever possible without altering passages that reflect the historical situation of ancient patriarchal culture.

Changes like these are part of a process of reflection and prayer in cooperation with the Anglican Church of Canada that will continue as the usage and meaning of language evolves.

## The Triduum: The Great Three Days

The glory of Easter is the heart of the Christian gospel. It is the centre of the Church's faith and worship. In the earliest days of the Church it was the only Christian festival: an annual celebration, in one act, of Christ's life, death, resurrection, ascension, and his sending of the Holy Spirit. The celebration lasted fifty days in one continuous festival of adoration, joy, and thanksgiving, ending on the Feast of Pentecost. By the fourth century, the Church was adding to its celebration of Easter a week-long commemoration of the events which preceded our Lord's resurrection, beginning on Sunday with his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Christians would recall the final meal Jesus had with his disciples and his institution of the sacrament of the Eucharist. On the Friday they would commemorate Christ's agony and death on the cross. On Saturday night they would gather for the reading of the scripture, for prayers, for the baptism of their new converts, and then, as the day of the resurrection dawned, for the joyful celebration of Easter. The week before Easter became known as Holy Week, and within this week three particular days were given the title of the Triduum:

Maundy Thursday, with foot washing and a thanksgiving for the institution of the Eucharist,

Good Friday, with a veneration of the cross,

Holy Saturday, also known as Easter Eve, with the Great Vigil, paschal fire, baptism, and the Easter Eucharist.

The services which follow contain the liturgies for the three days of the Triduum. They represent an adaptation of a variety of services used through the centuries of the Church's life. Taken together, they highlight the narrative arc of the key events that make up the central story of Easter.

This book will not only provide you with a guide to follow as you attend the services; it is also a resource to help you recall the story of how Jesus Christ brought about the revolution that changed and is changing the world.

*(Text from The Book of Alternative Services, 1985, The Anglican Book Centre, Toronto)*

## Maundy Thursday

The first day of the Triduum, this service begins by declaring our entrance into the experience of Jesus Christ and his disciples with the words, “This is the day.” From this starting point, we are encouraged to see ourselves as participants with them as we relive those significant days of Passion Week.

Maundy Thursday places us in the upper room where Jesus and his disciples came together at our Lord’s invitation. The Gospel of Luke records that “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’” (22:14-15). This eager desire on Jesus’s part speaks to the love that he had for his followers, and by being invited to share in the reliving of that evening, we hear Jesus say that he is also eager to share with us.

A key characteristic of Maundy Thursday is summarized in John’s gospel where it is said of Jesus that, “having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end” (13:1). All that follows in the accounts of that day are reflective of this love of Christ for his disciples. When he washes their feet, he does so as a lowly servant out of love for his followers. When he shares the meal with them, he does so as one pleased to enjoy fellowship with them. When he institutes the Eucharist at this last supper before his death, he does so for the benefit of those who follow in his footsteps. Everything about the evening has to do with love, which Jesus emphasized when he said, “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” (13:34-35).

It is important for us to keep that emphasis in mind as we experience the service. For at the end, after the altar is stripped by the Altar Guild, we will hear the account of Jesus’s prayers and arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus’s beloved followers fail to stay awake with him, and once he is arrested, they flee in the darkness. Placing ourselves in that situation, when the final reading is completed, we will simply leave randomly and in silence into the dark of the night, leaving the Beloved One to the cross . . .

# The Gathering of the Community

*The bell signals a brief period of silence before the prelude.*

## Prelude

*This is a time for quiet reflection and preparation for worship.*

## Processional Hymn

*Please stand.*

*“Now We Join in Celebration”*

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

## Greeting

*Celebrant* This is the day  
that Christ the Lamb of God  
gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.  
This is the day  
that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.  
This is the day  
that Christ took a towel  
and washed the disciples' feet,  
giving us an example that we should do to others  
as he has done to us.  
This is the day  
that Christ our God gave us this holy feast,  
that we who eat this bread  
and drink this cup  
may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice  
and be partakers of his resurrection,  
and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

## Gloria

*Refrain*

Glo-ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est;

*3rd time to stanza 3*

peace, peace to God's peo - ple on earth. (3) For

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y

God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

*Refrain*

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



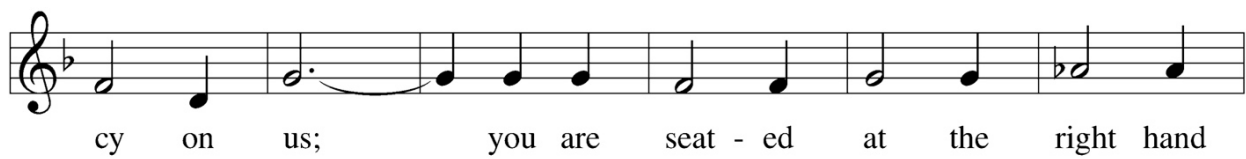
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the



Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer -




cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand




of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*




3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus



Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men

*Refrain*

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* O God,  
your Son Jesus Christ  
has left to us this meal of bread and wine  
in which we share his body and his blood.  
May we who celebrate this sign of his great love  
show in our lives the fruits of his redemption;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading

*Exodus 12:1-14*

*Reader* A reading from the book of Exodus.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup> This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup> You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup> They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup> They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup> You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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 judgements: I am the LORD.  
13 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.

14 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.

*Reader*     Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

*Psalm 116:1, 10-17*

*Tune: Crimond*

1. I love the Lord, for he hears me;  
he listens when I pray.  
He has inclined his ear to me,  
I'll call him all my life.
2. I kept my faith e'en when I said  
that, "I am greatly grieved";  
I said in my consternation  
that, "everyone is a liar."
3. What shall I render to the Lord  
for all his bounteous gifts?  
I will lift up salvation's cup  
and call upon his name.
4. Before his people I will pay  
my vows unto the Lord,  
for precious in the Lord's sight is  
the death of all his saints.
5. I am your servant, O my Lord;  
your precious handmaid's child.  
You loosed my bonds; I'll call your name  
and give you thanks and praise.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

*Reader* A reading from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians.

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*All* Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand.*

Al - might - ty God, your word is cast like  
seed in - to the ground: now let the dew of  
heav - en descend and right - eous fruits a - bound. Let  
not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de -  
stroy: but let it yeild a hun - dred - fold the  
fruits of peace and joy.

## Gospel Reading

*John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

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

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

*People*



*Reader*

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> 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." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

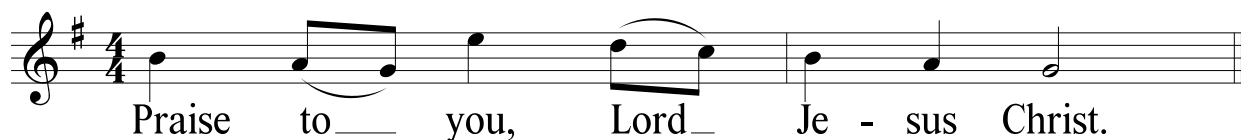
<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are

messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

<sup>31b</sup> “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> 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.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*All*



**Sermon**

*Following a short prayer, please be seated.*

*A time of silence for reflection will follow.*

## The Washing of Feet

*Celebrant* Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus 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.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for “a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

*Those who wish to have their feet washed are invited to remove their footwear and come barefoot up to one of the chairs at the front of the nave.*

*Please wait in line if a chair is not available for you. While the foot-washing is going on, please feel free to join the choir in singing.*

**The Prayers of the People** *Please remain seated or kneel, as you prefer.*

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
welcoming sinners  
and inviting them to God's table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,  
*All* **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 neighbours 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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

# Hymn of Preparation “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here”

1 Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for  
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and  
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free, your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear, though  
 cho - sen wrong; half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains; by  
 as your own not through some mer - it, right, or claim, but  
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed, and  
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty to

marred, dis - hon - oured, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our  
 so - cial for - ces swept a - long, by powers and sys - tems  
 by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your  
 show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -  
 turn from guilt and dull de - spair and of - fer all that

heart and mind, your call to hear, your love to find.  
 close con - fined; yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.  
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Father,


we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice  
of Jesus Christ, your Son.

Accept all we offer you this day.

Bind us together in his love and in the love  
he has commanded us to bring one another;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**


## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant*



The \_\_\_ Lord be \_\_\_ with \_\_\_ you.

<sup>3</sup> *The People*




And \_\_\_ al - so \_\_\_ with \_\_\_ you.

<sup>4</sup> *Celebrant*




Lift \_\_\_ up \_\_\_ your \_\_\_ hearts. \_\_\_

<sup>6</sup> *The People*




We lift \_\_\_ them to \_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_

<sup>7</sup> *Celebrant*



Let us give \_\_\_ thanks to \_\_\_ the Lord our \_\_\_ God.

<sup>10</sup> *The People*



It is right \_\_\_ to give him thanks and \_\_\_ praise.

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
 creator of heaven and earth;  
 we give you thanks and praise  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross,  
 that he might draw the whole world to himself.  
 By his suffering and death,  
 he became the source of eternal salvation  
 for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with all the host of heaven  
 who gather around your throne and the Lamb,  
 we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All*

The musical score is written on ten staves of music. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow'r and might. Hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - na in the high - est, ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - san - a in the high - est.



*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On this very night  
when he was handed over to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
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."

*All* Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

*People*



## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en,  
3 hal - low'd be thy name; thy King - dom come, thy  
6 will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give  
9 us this day our dai - ly bread and for - give us our  
12 tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us, and  
15 lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from  
18 ev - il. For thine is the king - dom, and the pow'r, and the glo - ry, for -  
21 ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* We break this bread,

*All* Communion in Christ's body once broken.

*Celebrant* Let your Church be the wheat  
which bears its fruit in dying.

*All* If we have died with him, we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

## The Fraction

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

5 Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

9 Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,

13 give us your peace, give us your peace.

## The Communion

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All* Thanks be to God.

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*If you have been baptized in water,  
you are welcome to receive the sacraments.*

*The bread used for the Eucharist is gluten-free.*

*Please note that by the Archbishop's directive, intinction  
(dipping the bread into the wine) is not permitted.*

*If you do not wish to receive the wine,  
simply wait until the chalice has been presented to you,  
then eat the bread.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing  
instead of receiving the sacraments,  
please come to the altar rail holding a prayer book or  
hymn book, or with your arms crossed over your chest.*

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## Communion Music

## Prayer after Communion

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Holy God,  
source of all love,  
on the night of his betrayal  
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,  
to love one another as he loved them.  
Write this commandment in our hearts;  
give us the will to serve others  
as he was the servant of all,  
who gave his life and died for us,  
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Stripping of the Altar

*Please be seated.*

*After the altar is stripped, Matthew 26:30–56 will be read, describing the events that took place after Jesus finished having the meal with his disciples.*

*Reader*

<sup>30</sup> When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

‘I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

<sup>32</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” <sup>33</sup> Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” <sup>35</sup> Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup> He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” <sup>40</sup> Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>42</sup> Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” <sup>43</sup> Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.” <sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” <sup>49</sup> At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup> Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?” <sup>55</sup> At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup> But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.”

Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

*When the reading is finished, please remain quiet and still for a few moments before rising and departing in silence.*

## Good Friday

This is the darkest day in the Christian calendar. Having been left by his disciples to his captors, Jesus is kept up all night going from one mockery of a trial to another, being abused by those around him, and then being sentenced to death as his own people called out for his crucifixion. And all this is in order that he might “die for our sins, in accordance with the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3).

Because this is the divine purpose of his death, the service on Good Friday begins in a most solemn way. With no opening hymn or greeting, we will begin with the acknowledgement of our sins and that Jesus took those sins upon himself. We then make our confession as we do every Sunday, but there will be no absolution pronounced over us.

Holding on to this understanding that Jesus takes the sins of the world upon himself on this day, we spend time hearing the Passion story being read in its completeness. And then our intercessions take on a solemn tone as we ask for God’s help in us and in our world. As we recognize the many things that need to be corrected and our hope being found only in the One who provides the solution in his blood, we move from these intercessions to meditate on the cross of Jesus. And there, despite the commonly-held assertion by many outside the Church that this cross is foolishness, we declare our assertion that it is by Christ’s holy cross that the world has been redeemed.

The Eucharist is given to us from sacrament reserved from Maundy Thursday. In this way, we receive the bread and wine with a heightened awareness they are given at the cost of Jesus’s life. And when we have received, we end the service with an acknowledgement of our hope and a request for God’s blessing on the basis of what Christ Jesus has done on the cross.

But to highlight the desperate feeling of the disciples who saw their Rabbi, Master, and Friend die, we once again simply leave in silence, hungry for some justification of the horror of this day: “We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel” (Luke 24:21).

## The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

*The bell signals a brief period of silence before the service begins.*

*As the Celebrant enters in silence, please stand.*

*Celebrant* All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned every one to his own way,

*People* **And the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.**

*Celebrant* Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

*People* **Even death on a cross.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* our heavenly Father,

we have sinned

in thought and word and deed;

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We pray you of your mercy,

forgive us all that is past,

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life

to the glory of your name. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God,

look graciously, we pray, on 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.**

*Please be seated.*



## First Reading

*Isaiah 52:13–53:12*

*Reader* A reading from the book of Isaiah.

- <sup>13</sup> See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.
- <sup>14</sup> 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—
- <sup>15</sup> 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.
- 53** Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.
- <sup>5</sup> 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.
- <sup>6</sup> 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.

- <sup>7</sup> 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.
- <sup>8</sup> 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.
- <sup>9</sup> 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.
- <sup>10</sup> 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.
- <sup>11</sup> 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.
- <sup>12</sup> 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*      Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

# The Psalm

Please stand.

## Psalm 22



My God, why have you left me? Why do my cries not help? I  
 They cried to you, you saved them; You did not fail their trust. But  
 Yet from the womb you brought me, A babe, you kept me safe. From  
 My strength is like spilled wa - ter, My bones are out of joint; My  
 Yes, dogs are all a - round me - A gang of e - vil ones. They  
 But you, Lord, please stay near me! Come quick - ly to my aid! Save  
 You who fear Yah-weh, praise him! O Ja - cob, hon - or him! O  
 I'll praise you with your peo - ple For all you've done, O Lord; With  
 All na - tions will re - mem - ber And turn un - to the Lord; From  
 The proud bow down be - fore him; All mor - tals shall serve him. Pos -



cry by day - no an - swer - And night - but get no rest. But  
 I'm a worm, not hu - man, Scorned and de - spised by all. All  
 birth I've trust - ed in you; You've al - ways been my God. O  
 heart in me is melt - ed Like wax with - in my breast; My  
 tear at me like li - ons, They pierce my hands and feet. My  
 my life from the sword and These dogs who want me dead! From  
 Is - ra - el, re - vere him And stand in awe of him! He  
 all who wor - ship you I Will pay up on my vows. The  
 all parts of the whole world, From ev - ery race and clime, They'll  
 ter - i - ty shall serve God; Peo - ple shall speak of him To



you, O Lord, are ho - ly, En - throned on Is - rael's praise. In  
 who look at me taunt me, They laugh and shake their heads. "He  
 do not go far from me; In trou - ble I'm a - lone. My  
 strength's dry as a pot - sherd, My tongue sticks in my mouth. In  
 bones can be count - ed. Foes stare and gloat o'er me, They  
 li - ons' mouths de - liv - er, And from the wild bulls' horns. I'll  
 did not turn his back on The suff - ering of the poor; His  
 poor shall eat and be filled; Those who come to the Lord Shall  
 turn to him and wor - ship. The Lord our God is King; O'er  
 fu - ture gen - e - ra - tions, To peo - ple yet un - born: "The



you our fore - bears trust - ed And you de - liv - ered them.  
 trust - ed God, let God save, For he de - lights in him."  
 foes sur - round like wild bulls, Like hun - gry li - ons roar.  
 the dust I'm left ly - ing As if I'm good as dead.  
 gam - ble for my cloth - ing, And each one takes a share.  
 tell my peo - ple of you, Be - fore them praise your name.  
 face he has not hid - den, But an - swers cries for help.  
 praise his name for - ev - er. May they pros - per al - ways.  
 earth he has do - min - ion; The na - tions he does rule.  
 Lord has brought de - liv - erance, His peo - ple he has saved."

Please be seated.

## Second Reading

*Hebrews 10:16–25*

*Reader* A reading from the book of Hebrews.

<sup>16</sup> “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup> he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated.*

## The Gospel

*John 18:1–19:42*

*Reader* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**18** After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Then

Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, “For whom are you looking?”<sup>5</sup> They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.

<sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they stepped back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Again he asked them, “For whom are you looking?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.” <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfil the word that he had spoken, “I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.” <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

<sup>12</sup>So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

<sup>15</sup>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, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>The woman said to Peter, “You are not also one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” <sup>18</sup>Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing round it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

<sup>19</sup>Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered, “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. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to

the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" <sup>24</sup> Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup> One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup> Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

<sup>28</sup> Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's head-quarters. 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. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup> They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." <sup>31</sup> Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup> (This was to fulfil what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "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." <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "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." <sup>38</sup> Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup> 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?" <sup>40</sup> They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

19 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup> They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face. <sup>4</sup> Pilate went out again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.” <sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” <sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.” <sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”

<sup>8</sup> Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. <sup>9</sup> He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> Pilate therefore said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, “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.” <sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.”

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, “Here is your King!” <sup>15</sup> They cried out, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but the emperor.” <sup>16</sup> Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup> and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

*Please stand.*

<sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfil what the scripture says,

“They divided my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

<sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

<sup>28</sup> After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), “I am thirsty.”

<sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

<sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup> Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear,



and at once blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup> (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) <sup>36</sup> These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” <sup>37</sup> And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

<sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup> They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

## Sermon

*Following a short prayer, please be seated.*

*A time of silence for reflection will follow.*

## The Solemn Intercession

*Please stand.*

*Intercessor* 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 eternal life.

*Please sit or kneel, as you prefer.*

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic  
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 Greg our archbishop,  
and all the people of this diocese,  
and for all Christians in this community,  
that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith,  
increase it in love,  
and preserve it in peace.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Almighty and everlasting God,  
by your 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 our vocation and ministry  
we may truly and devoutly serve you;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and  
for those in authority among them:  
for Elizabeth our Queen and all the Royal Family,  
for Justin the Prime Minister  
and for the government of this country,  
for Jason the premier of this province  
and the members of the legislature,  
for Naheed the mayor of this municipality  
and those who serve with him on the city council,  
for all who serve the common good,  
that by God's help  
they may seek justice and truth,  
and live in peace and concord.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* 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 justice and peace may increase,

until the earth is filled  
with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for all who suffer  
and are afflicted in body or in mind:  
for the hungry and homeless,  
the destitute and the oppressed,  
and all who suffer persecution or prejudice,  
for the sick, the wounded, and the handicapped,  
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.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Gracious God,  
the comfort of all who sorrow,  
the strength of all who suffer,  
hear the cry of those in misery and need.  
In their afflictions show them your mercy,  
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.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for all  
who have not received the gospel of Christ:  
for all who have not heard the words of salvation,  
for all who have lost their faith,  
for all whose sin has made them indifferent to Christ,  
for all who actively oppose Christ by word or deed,  
for all who are enemies of the cross of Christ,  
and persecutors of his disciples,  
for all 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.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Merciful God,  
creator of 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.**

*Intercessor* Let us commit ourselves to God,  
and pray for the grace of a holy life,  
that with all who have departed this life  
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 is kept.*

*Celebrant* O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,  
look favourably 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;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Meditation on the Cross of Jesus

*Celebrant* Christ our Lord became obedient unto death.

*People* Come let us worship.

*Celebrant* Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

*People*

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff features a melodic line with a half note 'Ho', a dotted half note 'ly', a quarter note 'God', a half note 'ho', a dotted half note 'ly', and a quarter note 'and migh - ty'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note 'ho', a dotted half note 'ly im - mor - tal one', a quarter note 'have mer - cy up - on us'. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

*Celebrant* O my people, O my Church, What have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Testify against me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt, and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

*People* Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant* I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna. I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

*People* Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant* What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink, and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.

*People* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

*People* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* I gave you a royal sceptre, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.

*People* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name, and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

*People* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counsellor. I pray that all may be as one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing.

*People* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**



# Hymn

Please stand.  
"Sing, My Tongue"



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; sing the end - ing  
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of the ap - point - ed  
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, he went forth from  
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, be for all the  
5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; to the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the troph - y,  
time was come, he, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,  
no - blest tree; none in fo - liage, none in blos - som,  
and the Son, to the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; tell how Christ, the  
left for us his Fa - ther's home, blazed the path of  
did his work, and met his death; like a lamb he  
none in fruit your e - qual be; sym - bol of the  
now and ev - er - more be done; praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, as a vic - tim won the day.  
true o - be - dience, shone as light a - midst the gloom.  
hum - bly yield - ed on the cross his dy - ing breath.  
world's re - demp - tion, for your bur - den makes us free.  
in the high - est, while the time - less a - ges run.



# The Holy Communion

## Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Holy God,  
your Son Jesus Christ carried our sins  
in his own body on the tree,  
so that we might have life.  
May we and all who remember this day  
find new life in him,  
now and in the world to come,  
where he lives with you and the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.

*All* Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
*All* Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Communion

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
*All* Thanks be to God.

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*If you have been baptized in water,  
you are welcome to receive the sacraments.*

*The bread used for the Eucharist is gluten-free.*

*Please note that by the Archbishop's directive, intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is not permitted.*

*If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply wait until the chalice has been presented to you, then eat the bread.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead of receiving the sacraments, please come to the altar rail holding a prayer book or hymn book, or with your arms crossed over your chest.*

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## **Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* Almighty and eternal God,  
you have restored us to life  
by the triumphant death  
and resurrection of Christ.  
Continue this healing work within us.  
May we who partake of this mystery  
never cease to give you dedicated service.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant* Send down your abundant blessing, Lord,  
upon your people  
who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son  
in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.  
Grant them pardon; bring them comfort.  
May their faith grow stronger  
and their eternal salvation be assured.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## **Dismissal**

*After the Celebrant has left the nave, please depart in silence.*

## Holy Saturday: The Great Vigil of Easter

*In the darkness, fire is kindled.*

These first words of instruction provide us with the anticipation that something marvelous is about to happen. The darkness in which we fled at the end of the Maundy Thursday service and in which we have had to linger since the end of the Good Friday service is about to be dissipated in glorious light! Jesus, the Light of the World, symbolized by the large Paschal candle, has risen from the dead and pierces that darkness! As we follow the Light into the narthex, and then into the nave, we will light our candles from the Paschal candle to show that we have received the Light of the risen Christ. Then in that collective light, we will exult in the victory of Christ over the powers through his death and resurrection and launch into a celebration of the outworking of God's redeeming work for the world.

That celebration begins with a recounting of the story of salvation, the narrative of God's faithfulness to the creation, punctuated by our joyful response to each chapter. As the story unfolds, we see more clearly each piece as it is put into place, reminding us again that the work of Christ on the cross is all in accordance with the Scriptures.

Following the Liturgy of the Word, we will then make our way back to the narthex to gather around the baptismal font. There, because of the victory of Christ through the cross, we will joyfully renew our baptismal vows and reassert our faith in our triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And there we receive the absolution we longed for since Good Friday in the declaration that God has "bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Returning to the nave, we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist. With new sacrament being consecrated, we come to the Lord's Table with a renewed understanding of what Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were all about. We will receive from the Lord the spiritual nourishment we need to continue in the new life Jesus bought for us. And the service will end with the joyful proclamation that Jesus is risen, that death could not contain him, and that we can go forth in the name of the resurrected Christ with shouts of Alleluia!

## The Service of Light

*The congregation receives individual unlit candles and gathers outside at the labyrinth, weather permitting. If necessary, the service will begin in the narthex.*

### The Blessing of the New Fire

*In the darkness, fire is kindled.*

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray.

Father,  
we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

### The Preparation of the Candle

*After the blessing of the new fire, the Celebrant takes the new paschal candle and prays over it.*

*Celebrant* Christ yesterday and today,  
the beginning and the end,  
Alpha and Omega.  
All time belongs to him and all the ages;  
to him be glory and power  
through every age for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant inserts the five nails with incense while saying the following:*

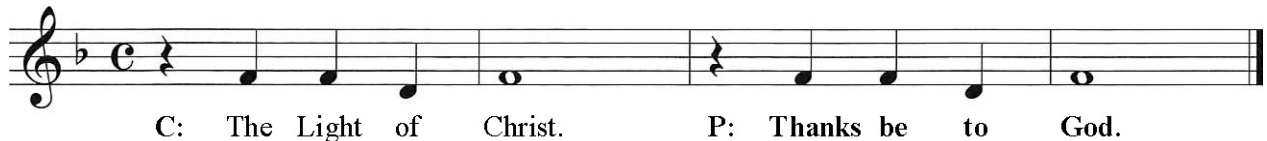
By his holy  
and glorious wounds  
may Christ our Lord  
guard us and keep us. Amen.

*The Celebrant lights the candle from the new fire, saying:*

**Celebrant** May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

## The Procession

*Carrying their own unlit candles, the congregation follows the Celebrant in procession as the paschal candle is brought from outside into the church building. At the entrance to the narthex, the Celebrant stops, lifts the candle high, and sings, with the people singing in response:*



*The procession enters the church and at the entrance to the nave, the Celebrant stops, lifts the candle high, and sings:*

**Celebrant** The light of Christ.

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

*The people light their candles from the paschal candle, sharing the flame with one another. The procession continues into the nave. Stopping in front of the holy table, the Celebrant lifts the candle high and sings:*

**Celebrant** The light of Christ.

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

*As the people move to their places in the nave, still standing, the paschal candle is placed in its stand. The Celebrant then sings the Exsultet.*

**Celebrant** Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,

radiant in the brightness of your King!

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!

Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!

The risen Saviour shines upon you!

Let this place resound with joy,

echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

C: The Lord be with you. P: And al - so with you.

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

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

*Celebrant* It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!

This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.

Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle. May it always dispel the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please extinguish your candle and be seated.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
let us now listen attentively to the word of God,  
recalling how he saved his people throughout history  
and in the fullness of time,  
sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

### **First Reading**

*Genesis 1:1–2:4a*

**1** In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**6** And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” **7** So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. **8** God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

**9** And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. **11** Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every



tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

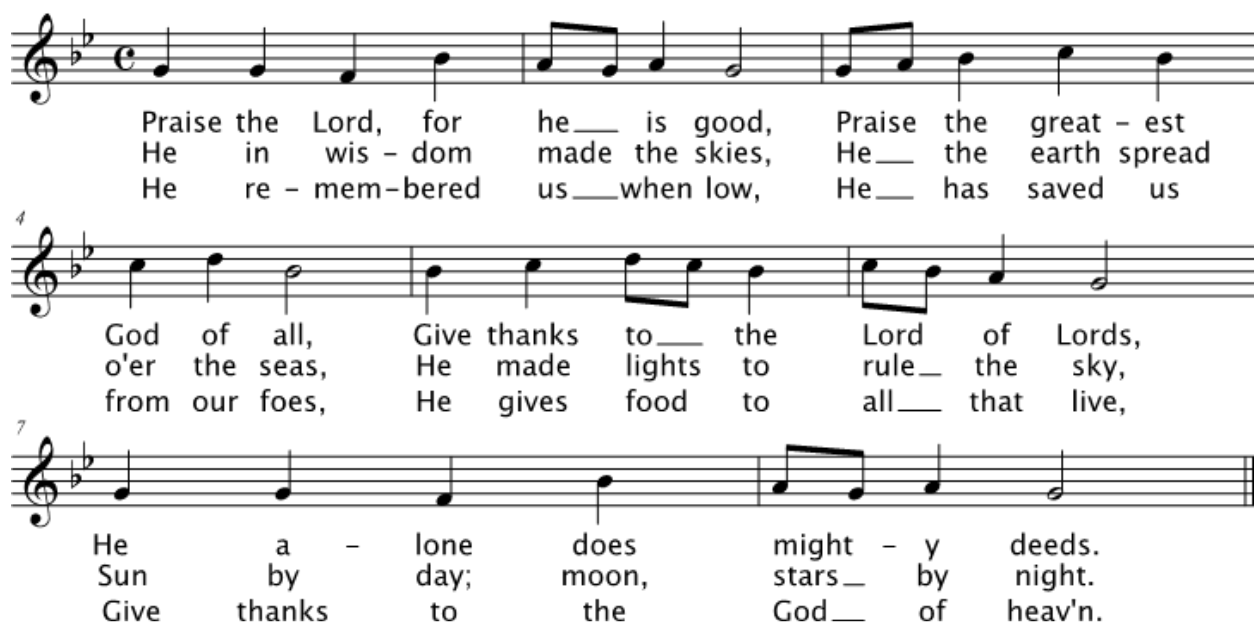
**2** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

## Sung Response

*Please stand.*

*Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26*



Praise the Lord, for he is good, Praise the great-est  
He in wis - dom made the skies, He the earth spread  
He re - mem - bered us when low, He has saved us

4  
God of all, Give thanks to the Lord of Lords,  
o'er the seas, He made lights to rule the sky,  
from our foes, He gives food to all that live,

7  
He a - lone does might - y deeds.  
Sun by day; moon, stars by night.  
Give thanks to the God of heav'n.

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God,  
you created all things in wonderful beauty and order.  
Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the  
new creation, by which in the fullness of time you  
redeemed your people through the sacrifice of our  
Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and  
ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Second Reading

*Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13*

7 Then the LORD said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. <sup>2</sup> Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; <sup>3</sup> and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. <sup>4</sup> For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” <sup>5</sup> And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

<sup>11</sup> In the six-hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. <sup>12</sup> The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. <sup>13</sup> On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, <sup>14</sup> they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. <sup>15</sup> They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. <sup>16</sup> And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

<sup>17</sup> The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. <sup>18</sup> The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

8 <sup>6</sup> At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made <sup>7</sup> and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; <sup>9</sup> but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. <sup>10</sup> He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; <sup>11</sup> and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew

that the waters had subsided from the earth. <sup>12</sup> Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

<sup>13</sup> In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. <sup>14</sup> In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. <sup>15</sup> Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup> “Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. <sup>17</sup> Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” <sup>18</sup> So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives.

**9** God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. <sup>2</sup> The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. <sup>3</sup> Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. <sup>4</sup> Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. <sup>5</sup> For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life.

<sup>6</sup> Whoever sheds the blood of a human,  
by a human shall that person’s blood be shed;  
for in his own image  
God made humankind.

<sup>7</sup> And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.”

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup> God said,

“This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.”

## Sung Response

*Please stand.  
Psalm 46*

1 God is our ref - uge and our strength, our  
 2 Though hills a - mid the seas be cast, though  
 3 Where God a - bides a riv - er flows; that  
 4 Since God is in the midst of it, the

ev - er - pres - ent aid, and there - fore, though the  
 foam - ing wa - ters roar, yea, though the might - y  
 cit - y will re - joice. But na - tions fear and  
 cit - y walls shall stand, se - cure and safe with

earth be moved, we will not be a - fraid;  
 bil - lows shake the moun - tains on the shore.  
 king - doms shake be - fore God's thun - dering voice.  
 God's sure help, when trou - ble is at hand.

*Celebrant* God of steadfast love,  
your wonderful deeds of old shine forth  
even to our own day.  
By the power of your mighty arm  
you once delivered 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.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### Third Reading

*Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21*

**14** <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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? <sup>12</sup> 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.” <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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.”

<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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.

<sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

<sup>26</sup> 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." <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

<sup>30</sup> Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> 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.

<sup>20</sup> Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. <sup>21</sup> And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

# Sung Response

*Please stand.*

*Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18*



I will sing un - to the Lord, Who won glor - ious  
 He's my God, I will praise him, My fore - bears' God  
 Phar - aoh's hand - picked of - fi - cers Are now in the  
 In the great - ness of your pow'r You de - feat - ed

Our foes said, "We will pur - sue, O - ver - take, di -  
 Who, O Lord, is great as you A - mong all the  
 You stretched out your strong right hand, And earth swal - lowed  
 You bring them in and you plant Them up - on your



vic - to - ry; The horse and the rid - er he  
 I'll ex - alt. Yah - weh is a war - rior great,  
 Red Seadrowned. The deep sea has cov - ered them,  
 all your foes; In your wrath you burned them up.

vide the spoil. With them our de - sire we'll fill.  
 oth - er gods? Who is like you, Lord our God,  
 all your foes. You led out the ones you saved,  
 ho - ly hill. You bring them in - to the place



Has thrown down in - to the sea. Yah - weh is my  
 Yah - weh is his ho - ly name. Phar - aoh's char - iots  
 They sank down just like a stone. Your right hand, O  
 With your breath you piled the sea; Wat - ers stood up

We'll de - stroy them with the sword." Then you blew the  
 Won - der - ful in ho - li - ness? Who else does such  
 Be - cause of your con - stant love, To your cho - sen  
 That you've cho - sen for your home, Your own Tem - ple



strong de - fense, My song, and the one who saves.  
 and his host, He has thrown in - to the sea.  
 Lord, is strong, In - to bits you break the foe.  
 in a heap, And the bot - tom firm be - came.

sea o'er them, In the depths they sank like lead.  
 might - y works And such mir - a - cles as you?  
 dwell - ing place By your own al - might - y strength.  
 which you've built. God shall reign for - ev - er - more.

*Celebrant* O God,

by the power of your Word  
 you have created all things,

and by your Spirit you renew the earth.

Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you,  
 that they may bring forth abundant fruit

in your glorious kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Fourth Reading

*Isaiah 54:5-14*

- 54 <sup>5</sup> For your Maker is your husband,  
the LORD of hosts is his name;  
the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,  
the God of the whole earth he is called.
- <sup>6</sup> For the LORD has called you  
like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit,  
like the wife of a man's youth when she is cast off,  
says your God.
- <sup>7</sup> For a brief moment I abandoned you,  
but with great compassion I will gather you.
- <sup>8</sup> In overflowing wrath for a moment  
I hid my face from you,  
but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,  
says the LORD, your Redeemer.
- <sup>9</sup> This is like the days of Noah to me:  
Just as I swore that the waters of Noah  
would never again go over the earth,  
so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you  
and will not rebuke you.
- <sup>10</sup> For the mountains may depart  
and the hills be removed,  
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,  
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,  
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.
- <sup>11</sup> O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted,  
I am about to set your stones in antimony,  
and lay your foundations with sapphires.
- <sup>12</sup> I will make your pinnacles of rubies,  
your gates of jewels,  
and all your wall of precious stones.
- <sup>13</sup> All your children shall be taught by the LORD,  
and great shall be the prosperity of your children.
- <sup>14</sup> In righteousness you shall be established;  
you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear;  
and from terror, for it shall not come near you.



# Sung Response

Please stand.

## Psalm 30



1 I will ex - tol - you, Lord our God, For  
 2 Sing praise to God, O you his saints, Give  
 3 I said in my pros - per - i - ty, "I  
 4 To you, O Lord my God, I cried, And  
 5 My mourn - ing you have turned to dance; My



you have brought sal - va - tion; You kept my mor - tal  
 thanks to his name ho - ly. His an - ger for a  
 nev - er shall be shak - en." Your fa - vor had es -  
 sup - pli - ca - tion ren - dered: "What pro - fit is there  
 sack - cloth you have tak - en And gird - ed me with



en - e - mies From gloat - ing o'er my down - fall.  
 mo - ment lasts, His fa - vor lasts a life - time.  
 tab - lished me With strength like to a moun - tain.  
 if I die, If to the Pit I go down?  
 clothes of joy; My soul will not be si - lent.



O Lord, I cried for help And you brought heal - ing  
 Weep - ing may last the night, But joy comes with the  
 But then you hid your face, And then dis - may came  
 Lord, will the dust praise you? Will it tell that you're  
 My soul will praise you, Lord; I'll give you thanks for -



to me. From death you saved my soul, And  
 morn - ing. Weep - ing may last the night, But  
 o'er me. But then you hid your face, And  
 faith - ful? Hear and be gra - cious, Lord! O  
 ev - er. My soul will praise you, Lord; I'll



you re - stored life to me.  
 joy comes with the morn - ing.  
 then dis - may came o'er me.  
 Lord, you are my help - er!  
 give you thanks for - ev - er.

*Celebrant* Almighty and everlasting God,  
in the paschal mystery you established  
the new covenant of reconciliation.  
Grant that all who are born again in baptism  
may show forth in their lives  
what they profess by their faith.  
Grant this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Fifth Reading**

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

37 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

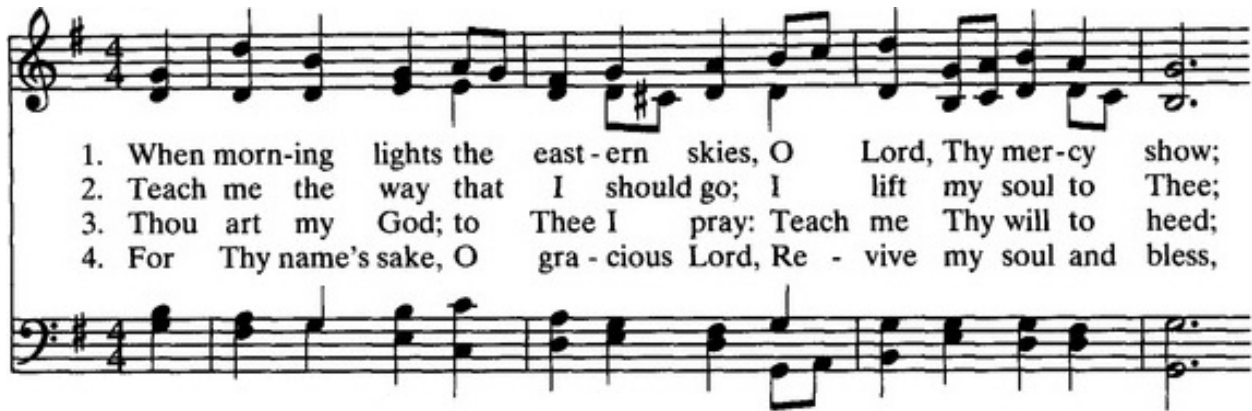
<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

<sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

## Sung Response

*Please stand.  
Psalm 143*



1. When morn-ing lights the east-ern skies, O Lord, Thy mer-cy show;  
2. Teach me the way that I should go; I lift my soul to Thee;  
3. Thou art my God; to Thee I pray: Teach me Thy will to heed;  
4. For Thy name's sake, O gra-cious Lord, Re-vive my soul and bless,



On Thee a-lone my hope re-lies, Let me Thy kind-ness know.  
For ref-uge from my cru-el foe To Thee, O Lord, I flee.  
And in the right and per-fect way May Thy good Spir-it lead.  
And in Thy faith-ful-ness and love Re-deem me from dis-tress.

*Celebrant* O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,  
look favourably 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## Choir Anthem

*“Arise, My Love”*

*Imagine this song, with text from the Song of Solomon, to be the call that God sends to Christ while he is still descended with the dead in the darkest hour of the night before the dawn of Easter morning and the Resurrection.*

Arise, my love, and come away,  
for winter is past, winter is past.  
The light of heaven shines in our hearts,  
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers adorn the bright new earth,  
new blossoms appear, new blossoms appear.  
The songs of doves are heard in our land,  
their joyful music abounds.

The blossoms reach out, reach out to the sun,  
heaven and earth lift up their voice,  
“Arise! Arise!”

Arise, my love, my beautiful one,  
and come away, come away.  
The light of heaven shines in our hearts,  
the rain is over and gone.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* 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 to us in baptism,  
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,  
and shine as a light in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Sixth Reading

Romans 6:3-11

6<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 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.

5 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. 6 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. 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



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

## Seventh Reading

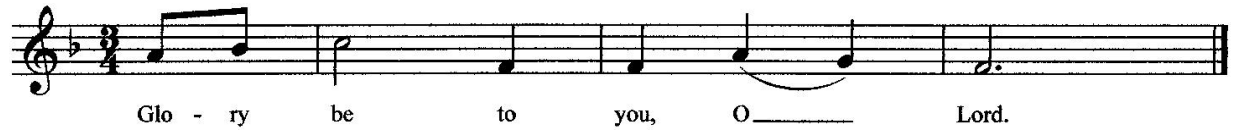
Luke 24:1-12

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

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

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*



24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*People*



## Sermon

*Following a short prayer, please be seated.*

*A time of silence for reflection will follow.*

# Hymn of Reflection

Please stand, moving to the font on verse 3.

“At the Font We Start Our Journey”

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line.

**System 1:** Chords: D, A/E, D/F#, Dmaj7/F#, A9/G, D, G/B, D, G, D/F#. Lyrics: 1. At the font we start our jour - ney, in the Eas - ter; 2. At the pul - pit we are fash - ioned by the Eas - ter; 3. At the al - tar we are nour - ished with the Eas - ter; 4. At the door we are com - mis - sioned, now the Eas - ter.

**System 2:** Chords: Bm, Em, A, A7, F#/A#, F#7/A#, Bm, F#m/C#, Bm/D, B7/D#, E7sus, E#°7. Lyrics: faith bap - tized; doubts and fears no long - er blind us, tale re - told in - to wit - nes - ses and proph - ets, gift of bread; in our break - ing it to piec - es vic - tory's won, to re - store a world di - vid - ed.

**System 3:** Chords: F#m, E7/G#, A, D/F#, Bm/D, E7, A, D/F#, Dmaj7/F#, G, A7. Lyrics: by the light of Christ sur - prised. Al - le - lu - ia! by the power of Christ made bold. Al - le - lu - ia! see the love of Christ out - spread. Al - le - lu - ia! to the peace of Christ as one. Al - le - lu - ia!

**System 4:** Chords: Bm, A/B, Bm, A9/C#, A7/C#, Bm/D, A/E, G, Em/G, D/A, A7, D. Lyrics: Al - le - lu - ia! Hope held out and re - al - ized. Al - le - lu - ia! Faith pro - claimed, yet still un - told. Al - le - lu - ia! Life em - braced, yet free - ly shed. Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter's work must still be done.

When verse 3 begins, the Celebrant will lead the congregation out into the narthex to gather around the baptismal font. Once everyone has assembled, the service will continue.

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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

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

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Dear friends,  
through the paschal mystery  
we have been buried with Christ in baptism,  
so that we may rise with him to a new life.  
Now that our Lenten observance is ended,  
let us renew the promises we made in baptism,  
when we rejected Satan and all his works,  
and promised to serve God faithfully  
in his holy catholic Church.

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

*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God,**



**the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of  
God in Christ?

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

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

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God’s creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

*People* I will, with God’s help.

*Celebrant* God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant will sprinkle the congregation with the baptismal water as a reminder of their own baptisms.*

### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The members of the congregation will share the peace with each other as they also make their way back into the nave in preparation for the Offertory Hymn and the Celebration of the Eucharist.*

### Offertory Hymn

*“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Offertory Response

Not as we ought but as we are a - ble, we

<sup>5</sup> of - fer our thanks as we come to your ta - ble. Through

<sup>9</sup> Word and Spir - it bless us; through bread and wine re - fresh us that

<sup>13</sup> we may be filled, that we may be filled with love.



Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord; God of pow - er and  
 7 might. - - - Heav - en and earth are full of your  
 13 glo - - - ry. - - - Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
 19 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! - - -  
 25 Blest is the one who comes - - - in the name of the  
 31 Lord. - - - Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the  
 36 high - est! Ho san - na in the high - - - est! - - - est!

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
 for the goodness and love  
 you have made known to us in creation;  
 in calling Israel to be your people;  
 in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
 and above all in the Word made flesh,  
 Jesus your Son.  
 For in these last days you sent him  
 to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
 to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
 In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
 and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
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. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho  
san - na in the high - - - est!

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;

*Celebrant*

Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni-ty of the Ho-ly  
7 Spi - rit. All glo - ry and hon - or are yours, al-might-y Fa-ther, for  
13 **All**  
ev - er and ev - er. A - men. A - men.  
21 A - - - - men. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the  
28 high - est! Ho san - na in the high - - - est!

# The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* *All*

Let us pray for the com-ing of the king-dom as Je-sus taught us: Our

5 Fa - ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name; thy

9 king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.

13 Give us this day our dai-ly bread; give us this day our dai-ly bread; and for-

17 give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And

21 lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, but de-liv - er us from e -

25 vil. For the king-dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are

29 yours, now and for ev - - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*All* Now we are raised to new life.

*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.

*All* Now we share in your resurrection.

*Celebrant* Live in us, that we may live in you.



## The Fraction

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the  
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia!

## The Communion

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All* Thanks be to God.

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*If you have been baptized in water,  
you are welcome to receive the sacraments.*

*The bread used for the Eucharist is gluten-free.*

*Please note that by the Archbishop's directive, intinction  
(dipping the bread into the wine) is not permitted.*

*If you do not wish to receive the wine,  
simply wait until the chalice has been presented to you,  
then eat the bread.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing  
instead of receiving the sacraments,  
please come to the altar rail holding a prayer book or  
hymn book, or with your arms crossed over your chest.*

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## Communion Music

## Prayer after Communion

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Giver of all,  
we are nourished with your Easter sacraments.  
Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith,  
that we may be witnesses to the resurrection  
and show your glory to all the world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

*All* **whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Celebrant* May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

*See next page.*

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of the resurrected Christ.  
Alleluia!

*All* **Thanks be to God. ALLELUIA!**

## Recessional Hymn



1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
 2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,  
 3. Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest field,  
 4. Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heav - 'nly grace,  
 5. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high!



sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
 glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal, on the ho - ly East - er morn.  
 which will all its full a - bun - dance at His sec - ond com - ing yield.  
 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of Thy face,  
 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry!



He, who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by His might - y en - ter - prise;  
 Then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore Him wave,  
 that we, with our hearts in heav - en, here on earth may fruit - ful be,  
 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
 we with Him to life e - ter - nal by His res - ur - rec - tion rise.  
 rip - ened by His glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.  
 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with Thee.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.



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