





E G R E A T

DAYS

# Welcome to Trinity Church!

Welcome to this gathering place, friend and stranger, saint and sinner. Come, with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. May our generous God and our compassionate Savior and the life-giving Spirit bless you this day.

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are new to worship in the Episcopal Church, we hope that you will simply enjoy the movement of the service and focus on the message of the Gospel, and not worry too much about what to do or what not to do. In general, we stand to sing, sit to listen and stand or kneel to pray, but please be comfortable. Some people will cross themselves, bow or kneel at different times—this reflects a personal preference and you are encouraged to follow your own.

If you are seeking a church just for today, thank you for celebrating with us and may God be with you as you travel. If you are searching for a new church home and family, know that you are welcome. We wish to greet you today or on your next visit in whatever manner will suit you best. Please leave a visitor's card at the registration desk.

Face-to-face worship during a global health crisis continues to present some challenges. Your health and well-being is our highest priority. While the CDC has ruled that vaccinated people may safely be indoors without masks, some in our community have not been vaccinated, so for everyone's protection, we ask that you please wear a mask throughout the service.

Please help us care for one another by taking your bulletin and any trash with you when you go, and by using the provided cleaning supplies if you visit the restrooms.

For the time being, the nursery is closed. Children are very welcome in the sanctuary.

**Sunday School** for all ages will be held from April through June during the liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 service. Children will rejoin the service for Communion.

A half-hour long Children of All Ages Service, intentionally hospitable to young children, previously offered at 9:30 am, is currently on-hold. Please contact the office if you would be interested in resuming this worship format.

Worshipping during a pandemic is new for all of us. Please do not hesitate to contact Nancy our rector, Cynthia, our parish administrator, or any member of the vestry to share your comments, questions and suggestions.



# **About the Triduum**

The Easter Triduum—the Great Three-Day feast of Easter—which includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil can be thought of as an intensive course in what it means to be a Christian. Our intentional hearing, singing, washing, eating and praying on these days teach us what it means to be a people of the cross and resurrection. These services are really all *one* single service, and we are not dismissed until Saturday night, when, raised with Christ, we are sent forth into the world, on fire with the good news of the resurrection.

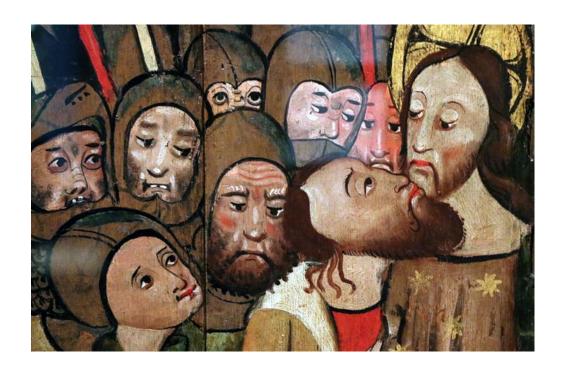


**Maundy Thursday**: We remember Jesus' command or mandate (in Latin *mandatum*...becomes *Maundy* in English) that we love one another as he has loved us. Jesus embodied this self-sacrificing love in the meal which bears his name—body broken and blood poured out for the life of the world—and in washing his disciples' feet.

Good Friday: Why do we call this day on which Jesus died on the cross "good"? Perhaps it is the Anglicized (English) version of God's Friday—*Gottes Freitag*. But there is more. We read from the passion according John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. We gather not to mourn on this day, but to celebrate Christ's Passion. On the cross, Christ draws the whole world into God's reconciling love. We gather to find strength and hope in the tree of life.

**The Great Vigil of Easter**: This is *the* night to be immersed in who we are as God's people. We gather around a pillar of flame, and are filled to the brim with the stories of God's saving acts on our behalf—stories which both refresh and perplex us. Just as Good Friday contains elements of both suffering and triumph, so does the Vigil. This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life.

# Maundy Thursday



# Leading Worship this Evening

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#### THE WORD OF GOD

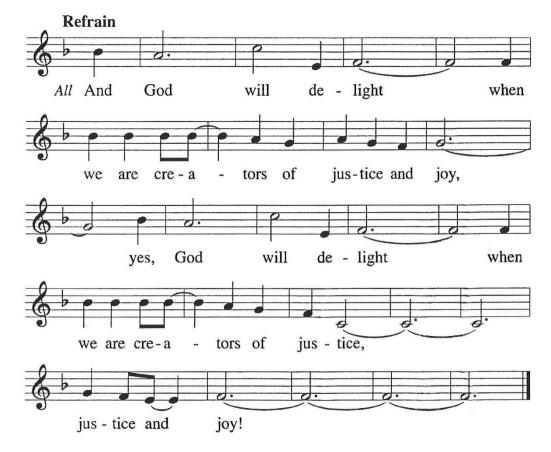
**Prelude** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**Trinity Hand Bells** 

**Opening Hymn:** A Place at the Table

~text: Shirley Erena Murray music: Lori True





#### Salutation:

One: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Many: God's mercy endures forever.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

Like the Prodigal, Jesus, we have wasted your love.

Like Nicodemus, we have crept about in darkness.

Like James and John, we have slept through other's sorrow.

Like Peter, we have denied and betrayed you.

Like Pilate, we have washed our hands of blame.

And yet, as with the woman at the well, you give us drink in the heat of the day.

As with the man born blind, you open our eyes.

As with Simon, you teach us mercy.

As with the disciples, you wash our feet.

As with the criminal hanging near you, you promise us paradise.

As with Peter, you restore us in your love.

And so we confess our sins against You and our neighbor.

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

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

**Kyrie:** *One:* Lord, have mercy.

Many: Christ, have mercy.

One: Lord, have mercy.

# Collect

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated for the Lessons

# First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 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. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and

your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm 116**



What shall I render you, my God, for all your mercy's store? I gain the bounty you bestow, and humbly ask for more.

Your cup of blessedness and grace I now with thanks receive, and all your promises embrace, and to your glory live.

How dear the life and death of all in whom you live and move, delighting ever to afford compassion, peace and love.

So shall my life, by grace restored, give service in your name. Within your house, with all I am, I vow to you this day.

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, 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." 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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# Gospel Verse



# Gospel Lesson

Luke 22: 14-27

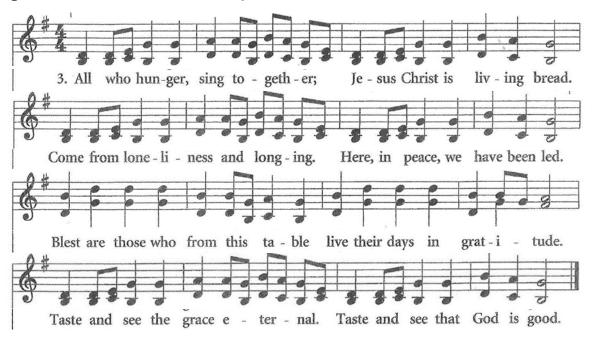
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is

given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!' Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

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



# Gospel Reflection

the Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton Dilliplane

# **Prayers of the People for Lent**

Loving, listening God, ever-attentive to the voices of those in need, we call on your name so that we might live.

In your love, hear our prayer.

For the church that bears Christ's name, that the world may know we are his disciples by the love that we have for one another.

In your love, hear our prayer.

For leaders of nations and all persons in positions of authority, that their lives may be marked by Christ-like service and love.

In your love, hear our prayer.

For all who are oppressed and living in captivity, that they may escape from evil and death to find the land of freedom you have promised.

In your love, hear our prayer.

For those who are hungry and thirsty this day and for those who have too much, that we may learn to share your generous gifts, O God.

In your love, hear our prayer.

For those who are dealing with loss or facing death, that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them.

In your love, hear our prayer.

For those we name now, silently or aloud, and for those who have no one to pray for them ....

In your love, hear our prayer.

Answer us in the day of trouble, O God, so that we may lift up the cup of salvation in the presence of your people, giving thanks for all your goodness to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.** 

#### Peace

On their last night together, Jesus said to his disciples, "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

Please exchange the peace by bowing to your neighbors, but without speaking.

**Offertory Anthem** Bread of the World

**Trinity Choir** 

At God's table, there is food for all who are hungry. If you are seeking God and a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized, and would like to learn more about what this could mean for you and about entering fully into the life of Christ and the Church, please speak to our rector, Nancy. We will receive only the bread today. Please come forward, row by row, one side of the church at a time, allowing 6 feet of space between you and your neighbor. Take a cup containing the consecrated wafer and return to your seat. When all who desire have received a piece of the bread, we will all consume it together, facing forward. If you prefer not to receive bread at this time, remain seated and make a spiritual communion, in solidarity with those who are at home.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

# **Prayer of Unity**

Loving God, on this night your Son prayed that his church might be one, united in him and in loving service. We are grateful to receive you, as we are and where we are, whether we receive you in physical or spiritual bread. Give us grace to respond this day, and in the days to come. Nourished for service, may our hearts be made ready, our eyes be made open, our hands be made strong and our feet be made willing to do your will in all the places to which you call us. We long to unite ourselves wholly to you and to one another, and in all things remain a Eucharistic people, the body of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

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

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

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

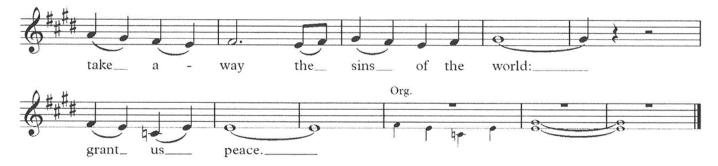
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

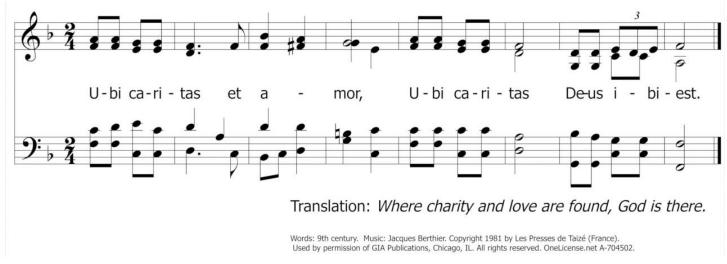
Therefore let us keep the feast.





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# The Communion of the People



#### **Prayer after Communion**

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

During Lent a solemn prayer is said over the people rather than a blessing.

Bow down before the Lord (Silence may be kept)

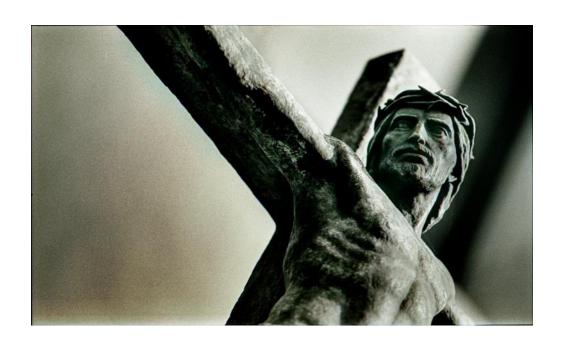
Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# Stripping of the Altar In silence.

There is no dismissal tonight. This is the first evening of the Three-Day Celebration of Easter, which culminates on Saturday evening with the Great Vigil of Easter. When the altar has been stripped and the reserved sacrament is carried to the Garden of Repose, the people depart in silence. You are invited follow the crucifer to the Reed Chapel to keep watch with Christ for as long as you would like. Worship will continue tomorrow at the Good Friday service at noon or at 7:00 pm.

Please leave this bulletin in the basket when you leave, or bring it back with you for Good Friday.

# Good Friday



# Leading Worship Today

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton Dilliplane Lay Associate for Liturgy and Spirituality: Martha Dudich

Greeter/Usher: Natalie Welker-Marx/Janet Zimmerman

Lay Readers: Kay Kinney, Dom DeCaprio, Keith Goggin, Dave Huddy,

Bob Kinney, Jim Sanders

**Altar Guild:** Joanne Welker/Meg Perry **Acolyte:** Joanne Welker

A/V: Jill Unger

#### THE WORD OF GOD

All kneel for a time of silent prayer after which the celebrant says

#### Salutation:

One: Blessed be our God.

Many: For ever and ever.

One: Let us pray.

#### Collect

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

First Lesson Wisdom 2:1, 12-24

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades.

'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true. and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.'

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls; for God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.** 

Psalm 22 Martha Dudich

Refrain: My God, my God, O why have you abandoned me?

All who see me laugh at me, they mock me and shake their hands: "He relied on the Lord, let the Lord be his refuge."

As dogs around me, they circle me about. Wounded me and pierced me, I can number all my bones.

My clothing they divided, for my garments casting lots. O God, do not desert me, but hasten to my aid.

I will praise you to my people and proclaim you in their midst. O fear the Lord, sing praises, give glory to God's name.

# **Second Reading**

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

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

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# The Passion of our Lord according to John

SCENE ONE: THE ARREST

**INTERLUDE** 

SCENE TWO: THE INTERROGATION

**INTERLUDE** 

SCENE THREE: THE TRIAL

**INTERLUDE** 

SCENE FOUR: THE EXECUTION

**INTERLUDE** 

SCENE FIVE: THE BURIAL

SILENCE IS KEPT

# Reflection

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton Dilliplane

#### **The Solemn Collects**

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

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service
For all bishops and other ministers
and the people whom they serve
For Daniel, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese
For all Christians in this community
For those about to be baptized

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

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

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For Joe, the President of the United States
For the Congress and the Supreme Court
For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations
For all who serve the common good

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

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

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair For the sorrowful and bereaved For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger

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

#### Silence

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

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation
For those who have lost their faith
For those hardened by sin or indifference
For the contemptuous and the scornful
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and
persecutors of his disciples
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

#### Silence

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

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

#### Silence

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

Silence is kept as attention is fixed upon the cross.

#### Anthem 1

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

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

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

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

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Silence

# Anthem 2

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

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

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#### Anthem 3

O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Silence

#### **Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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

#### The Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion from the Reserved Sacrament**

# **Prayer after Communion**

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

The people depart in silence. There is no dismissal. This is the second of the three-day Easter feast which began on Maundy Thursday and will end after the lighting of the new fire and proclamation of resurrection on Saturday after sunset.

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# The Great Vigil of Easter



# Leading Worship Today

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# The Lighting of the New Fire

In the darkness, a fire is kindled. The People gather around the flame

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

Let us pray.

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

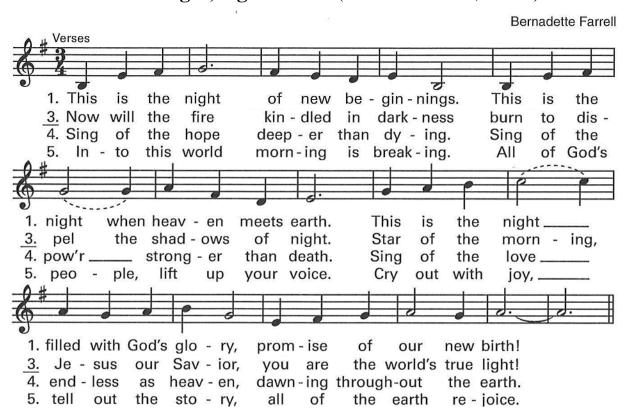
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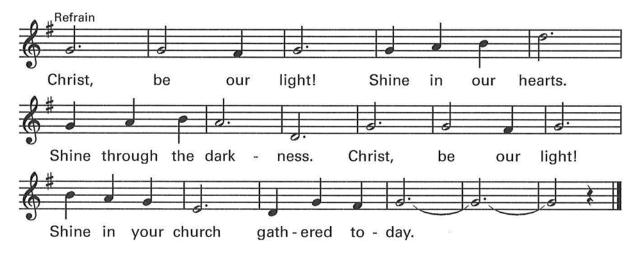
One: The light of Christ.

Many: Thanks be to God.

The people light their candles from the Paschal Candle.

# Exultet: Christ be our light, vigil version (Refrain on vs 1, 3 & 5)





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One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

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

# The Liturgy of the Word

# **Lesson 1: Creation** (Genesis 1: 1—2: 2)

#### Response

O Great Architect of These Intricate Heavens, we have assembled under open skies this night to ponder your handiwork, to be moved to wonder at the poetry of your thoughts revealed in endless patterns of light.

How limitless the creative power of the One who first scattered these starfields as a sower flinging bright seeds.

How fathomless the thoughts of the One who named and remembers each burning star, and who also names and remembers each of us.

Now you, his people, lift your eyes to the heavens, and consider God's handiworks.

Silence is kept as we ponder the night sky.

Constellations rise and descend the staircase of the night at your command, O Lord. Galaxies spin like dancers. Space and time bend and bow to the gravity of your great will.

In such holy wonders, baptize our imaginations, that we might ever be a people shaped by awe at your eternal power, and a people moved to worship by revelations of your divine nature.

Awaken our hearts now to beat in rhythm to the dance of your creation. Tune our ears to hear the songs of stars in their trillion-fold choruses, bearing witness to your glory, your power.

Use these bright expressions of your extravagant beauty to stoke our holy longings. Whet our appetites afresh for all that is eternal and good.

You made this vastness, and by your love you placed us in it, fixed amongst the wonders.

So let us be stirred, O Lord, by night skies such as these, lifting our thoughts to you, our Maker, and to the vast and beautiful infinitude of your designs.

O Spirit of God, draw praise from us, here in this cathedral of creation, beneath this starry dome.

Awaken our adoration in this place where we are so very small—and yet so greatly loved. Amen.

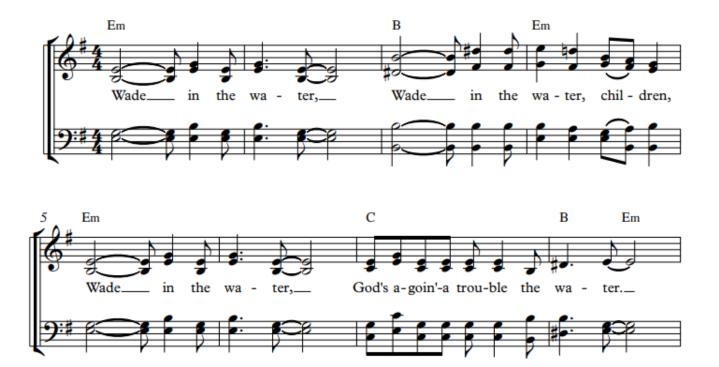
Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

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**Lesson 2: Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea** (Exodus 14: 10—15:1)

Response



Let us pray. (Silence)

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

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# Lesson 3: Isaiah 55: 1-11 Salvation freely offered to all

#### Response

Let us pray.

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 



# **Lesson 4: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 The Valley of Dry Bones**

#### Response

We are called to tell the story, passing words of life along, Then to blend our voice with others, as we sing this sacred song. Christ be heard in all our singing, filling us with songs of love.

May the One whose love is broader than the measure of all space Give us grace to live the story, Spirit moving in this place. Christ be seen in all our living, stirring us to lives of love.

Let us pray.

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

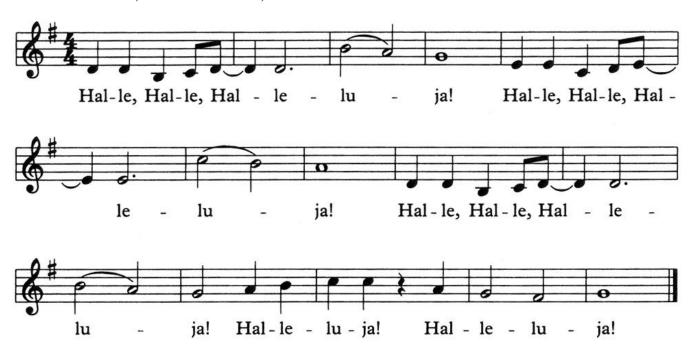
# THE GREAT ALLELUIA

One: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Many: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**Christ our Passover** Pascha nostrum

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22



Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Refrain

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \* death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \* but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \* and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, \*
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, \*
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Refrain

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

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

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24: 1-12

# Response

# **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

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

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 neighbor 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.

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

# The Prayers of the People

Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, and Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace. Awake, O Church, rise from death, and Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love. Awake, O World, rise form death, and Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might share and honor the other. Awake, O People, rise from death, and Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God, that they might know your saving help. We pray silently or aloud for....

Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death, and Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, that they might forever grow in your likeness. We pray, silently or aloud, for those who have died... Awake, O Saints, rise from death, and Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger in faith and hope. Awake, O Soul, rise from death, and Christ will give you life!

Awake, O sleeper rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy! Amen, Alleluia! **Alleluia, amen!** 

# The Peace

# The Offertory

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

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

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

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in us the image of your glory. He has placed us once more in paradise and opened to us the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness; while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

# The Communion of the People



# **Prayer following Communion**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

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

# **Blessing**

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

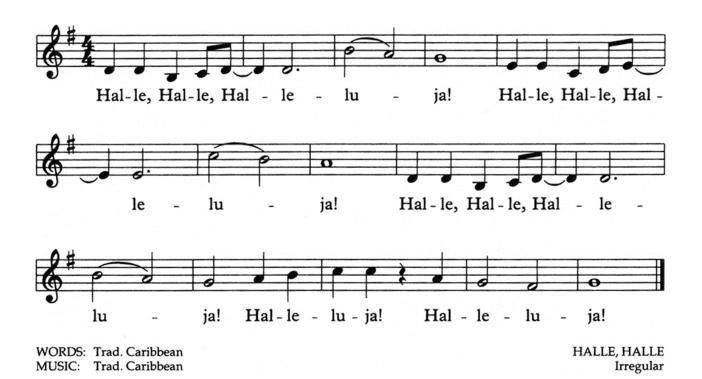
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen*.

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

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

#### **D**ismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.



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