

# The Sacred Triduum

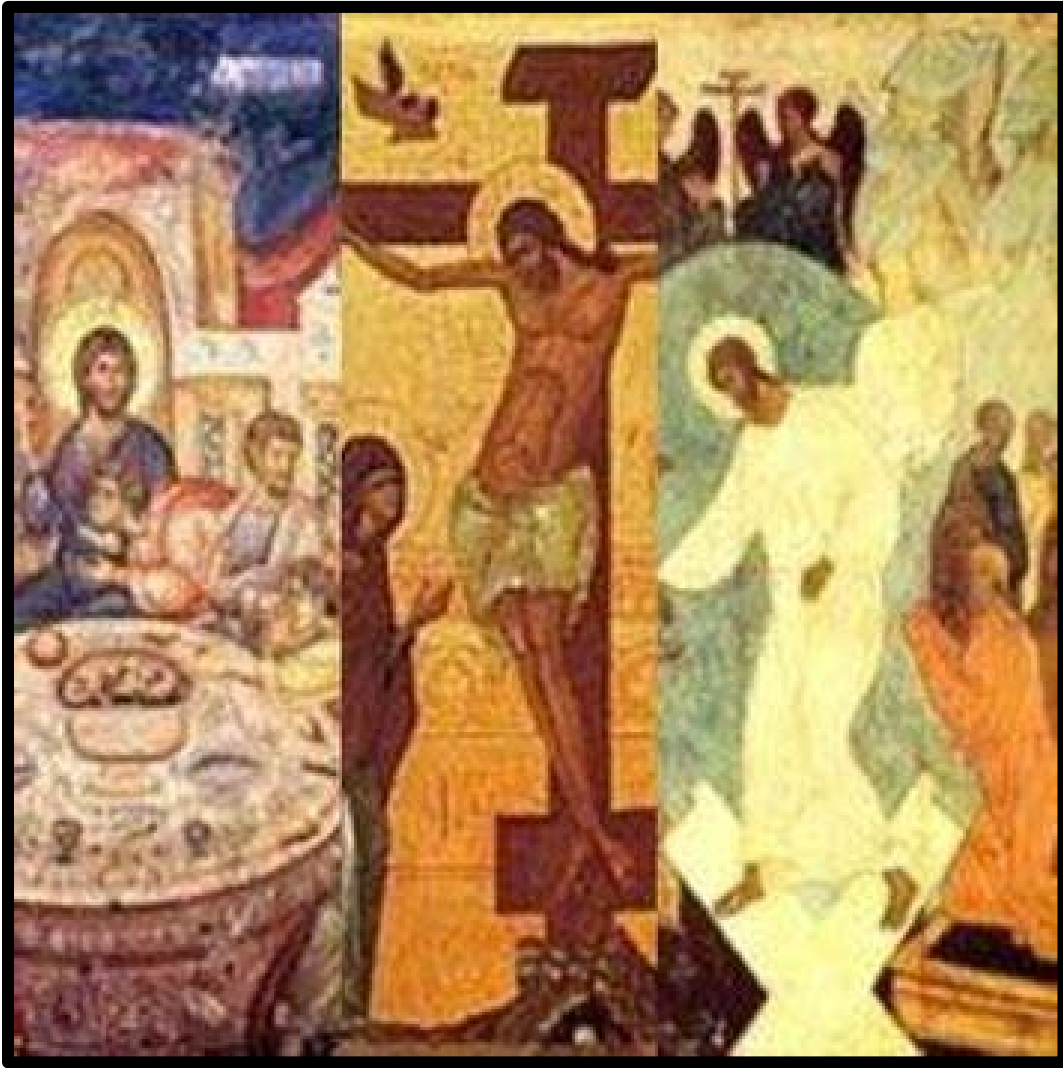


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Maundy Thursday  
Good Friday  
The Great Vigil of Easter

In the Year of our Lord, 2023

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension  
Cartersville, Georgia

# Maundy Thursday

## April 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

*Please prepare for worship with silent prayer and remember to silence your cell phones.*

*Throughout the order of service there are instructions to stand or kneel.*

*Please observe these postures as you are able. Thank you.*

*The people may make the sign of the cross (optional)  
when this sign † appears throughout the order of the service.*

## The Word of God

### The Organ Voluntary

*Le Banquet Céleste*

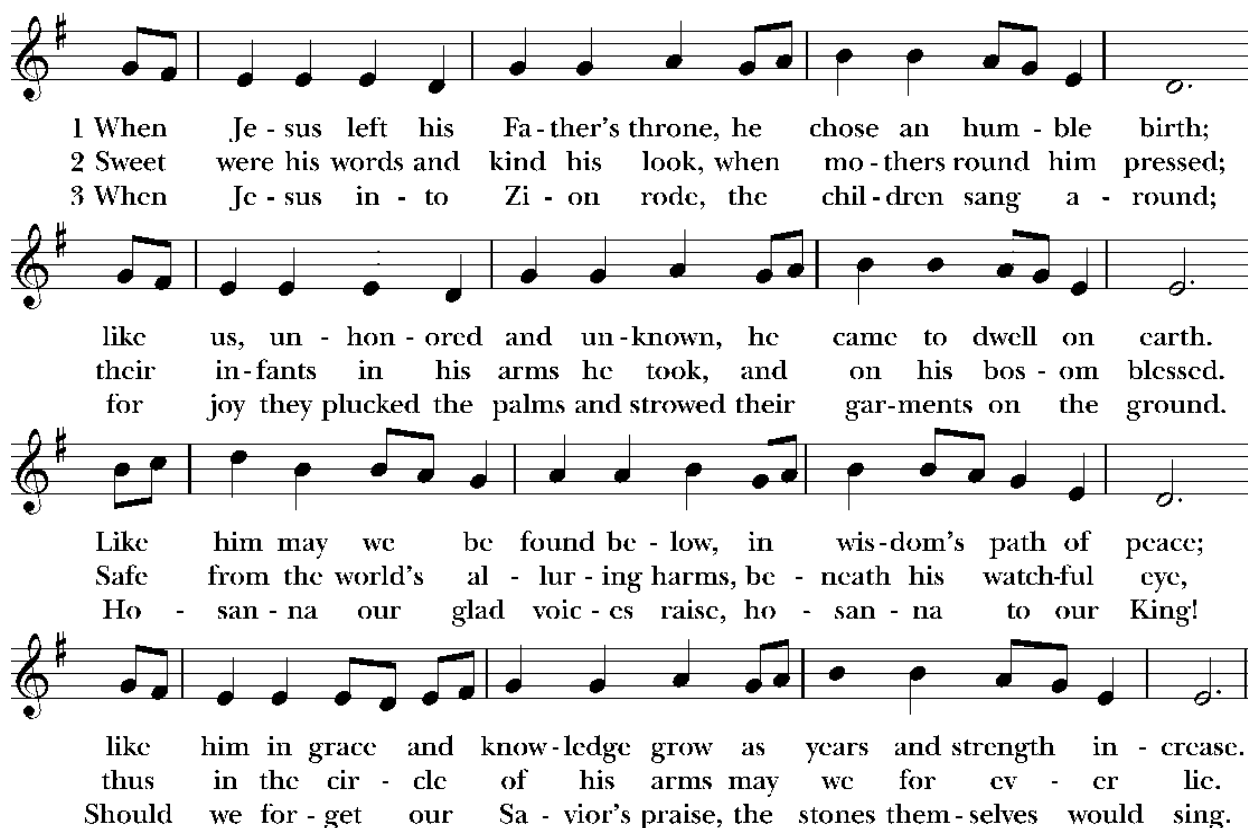
Oliver Messiaen (1908-1992)

*Please stand, as you are able, at the ringing of the bell.*

### The Hymn in Procession

Hymn 480

*Kingsfold*



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;  
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;  
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;  
like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.  
their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.  
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.  
Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;  
Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,  
Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!  
like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.  
thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.  
Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

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*Celebrant* †Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

## The Kyrie

S 95

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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*The people remain standing.*

## The Collect of the Day

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

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.**

*The people sit.*

## The First Lesson

**Exodus 12:1-4, 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. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

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

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

## The Response

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

*Chanted by congregation and choir*

*Dilexi, quoniam*



- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my suppli- / cation, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called / upon him.
- 10 How shall I re- / pay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has / done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of sal- / vation \*  
and call upon the Name / of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD \*  
in the presence of / all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the / LORD \*  
is the death / of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your / servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me / from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks- / giving \*  
and call upon the Name / of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD \*  
in the presence of all / his people,
- 17 In the courts of the / LORD'S house, \*  
in the midst of you, O / Jerusalem.

## The Second Lesson

## 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

# The Sequence

Hymn 158

*Herzliebster Jesu*

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johann Cruger (1598-1662), alt.

*The people stand and turn toward the Gospel as it is processing to the center of the people.*

## The Gospel

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

*Celebrant* †The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

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

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

*The people sit.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Denise M. Ronn

## At the Footwashing

*The Celebrant says*

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. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

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.”

*Given the call to follow Christ, all are invited to participate in the ceremony of the washing of feet. Please come forward and take your turn giving and receiving.*

## Music at the Footwashing

*Chanted by the choir*

*Peace is my last gift to you*

Plainsong, Mode I

*Ubi Caritas et Amor*

Plainsong, Mode V

*The people stand.*

## The Prayers of the People

**Form I, BCP**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering,  
and for our love and service to them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives,  
and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life,  
to Christ our God.  
**To you, O Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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

## **The Peace**

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

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### ***A Note about Communion:***

*All may receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist.*

*Come to the altar at the direction of the ushers.*

*Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*Receive the wine either by drinking from the cup (guiding it to your lips) or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine.*

*If you desire to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest.*

## **The Offertory Anthem**

*Ave Verum Corpus*

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*Ave verum corpus,  
Natum Ex Maria Virgine  
Vere passum, immolatum  
In cruce pro homine.*

*Cuius latus perforatum  
Vero fluxit sanguine;  
Esto nobis praegustatum,  
Mortis in examine.*

*O Clemens, O pie,  
O dulcis Jesu,  
Fili Mariae.*

Jesus, Word of God incarnate  
Of the Virgin Mary born,  
On the cross thy sacred body  
For humankind with nails was torn.

From whose pierced side,  
The blood and water streaming,  
Feed us with thy body broken,  
Now and in death's agony.

O merciful, O Holy One,  
O sweet Jesus,  
Son of Mary!

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts forward. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

## The Presentation

Hymn 313

*Jesus, meine Zuversicht*

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious  
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou  
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound  
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,  
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give  
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now  
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

*Refrain*  
 of thy bound-less love the to - ken.  
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -  
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.  
 of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925). Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant and People*

**Sursum corda**

**S 120**

*Celebrant*      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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*The Celebrant proceeds*

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:

**Sanctus and Benedictus**

**S 124**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

*Celebrant* 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 Breaking of the Bread

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

*Celebrant and People*

S 161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Hymns during Communion

Hymn 315

*Song I*

*Unison or harmony*

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray  
2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;  
3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,  
that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,  
make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;  
may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say  
draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,  
one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."  
by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;  
one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

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1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - raigned;  
 3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re-deem - er's con-flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
 mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - fer-ing, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854). Music: *Petra*, Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

*If you are worshiping with us virtually, please pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping at home, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.

†I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.



- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*  
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

*A crown of thorns is placed upon the Altar. The ministers and people depart in silence.*

*The people are invited to remain in the nave for personal prayer.*

*The service will continue tomorrow with the Liturgy of Good Friday.*

*We welcome your participation in a prayer vigil following this service until midnight.*

# Good Friday

## April 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

*Please prepare for worship with prayer and remember to silence your cell phones.*

*Throughout the order of service there are instructions to stand or kneel.*

*Please observe these postures as you are able. Thank you.*

*The people may make the sign of the cross (optional)  
when this sign † appears throughout the order of the service.*

*The Sacred Triduum continues. All kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant and People stand and begin the liturgy with the Collect of the Day.*

## The Word of God

### The Collect of the Day

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be our God.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

### The First Lesson

**Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him--so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals--so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

## The Response

### Psalm 22: 1-11

*Chanted by the choir*

*Deus, Deus meus*



- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."  
9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.  
10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.  
11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.

## The Second Lesson

## Hebrews 10:16-25

The Holy Spirit testifies saying,

"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,"

he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 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. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 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.

*Lector*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

# The Sequence

Hymn 158

*Herzliebster Jesu*

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.  
3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johann Crüger (1598-1662), alt.

*The people sit.*

## The Passion Gospel

**John 18:1-19:42**

*The people remain seated.*

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

Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

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

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." 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?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

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." 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?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." 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." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 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?" 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." 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." 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. 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?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. 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." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" 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." 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."

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. 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?" 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." 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."

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" 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." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

### *The people stand.*

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

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

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid.

And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

*The people sit.*

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Richard H. Winters**

## **The Solemn Collects**

*The people stand.*

*The Celebrant says to the people*

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.

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

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

For its unity in witness and service

For all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve

For Robert, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese

For all Christians in this community

For those about to be baptised

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

*Silence*

*Celebrant* 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.**

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

For Joseph, 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*

*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 in tranquility your dominion 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 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*

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Intercessor* 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*

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Intercessor* 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*

*Celebrant* 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.**

## Hymn 172

## *Were You There*

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

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

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

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

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## The Veneration of the Cross

*The people remain standing. A wooden cross is brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.*

## The Response

*Celebrant* We glory in your cross, O Lord.

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

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

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

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

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

## The Response

*Chanted by the choir*

### Anthem 1

*We glory in your cross, O Lord*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

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

*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.*

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

*Antiphon*

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

*Antiphon*

### Anthem 2

*We adore you, O Christ*

Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

*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.

*Antiphon*

### Anthem 3

*O Savior of the world*

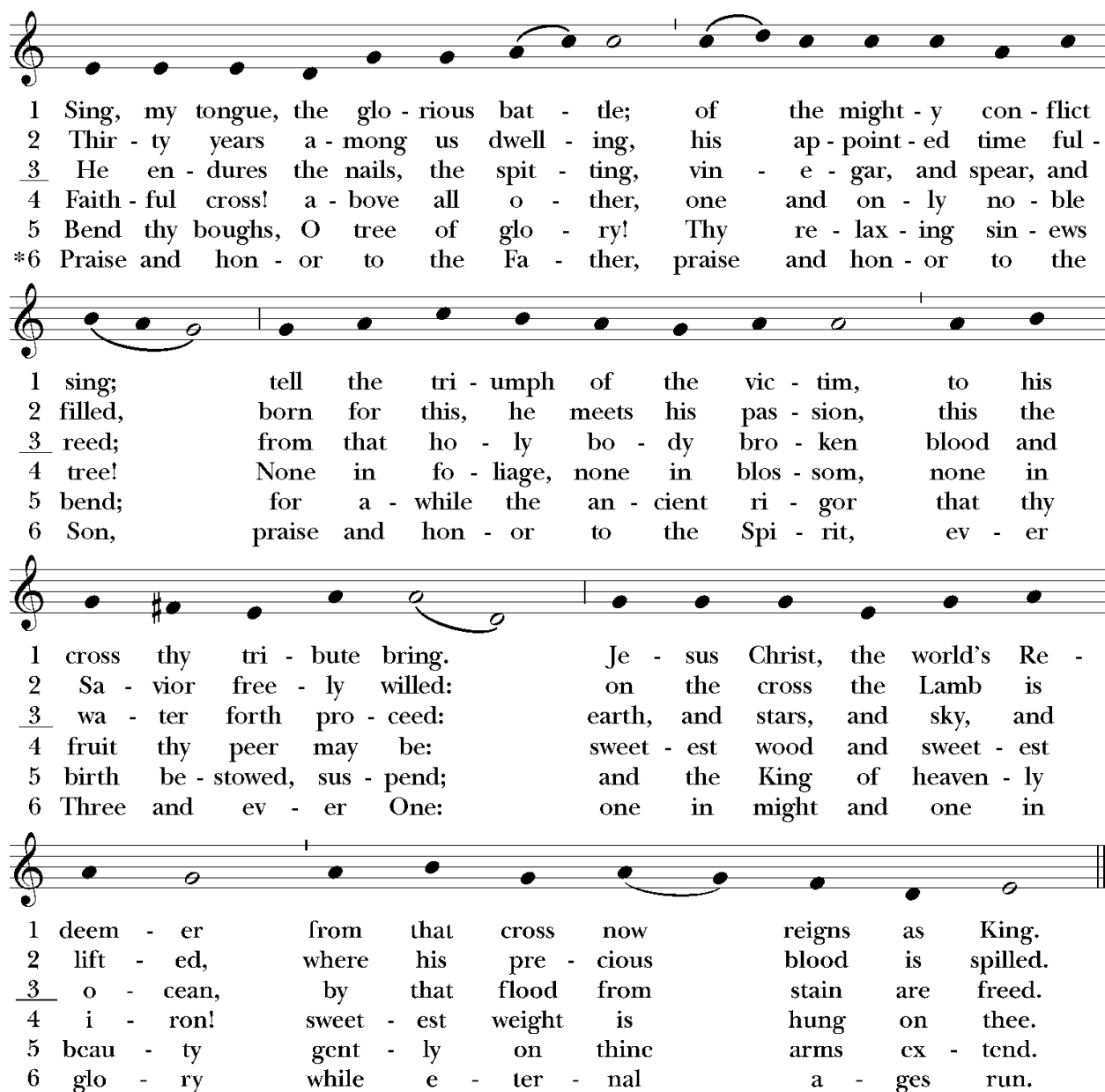
David Hurd (b. 1950)

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.

### Hymn

Hymn 166

*Pange lingua*



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; of the might - y con - flict  
2 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, his ap - point - ed time ful -  
3 He en - dures the nails, the spit - ting, vin - e - gar, and spear, and  
4 Faith - ful cross! a - bove all o - ther, one and on - ly no - ble  
5 Bend thy boughs, O tree of glo - ry! Thy re - lax - ing sin - ews  
\*6 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the

1 sing; tell the tri - umph of the vic - tim, to his  
2 filled, born for this, he meets his pas - sion, this the  
3 reed; from that ho - ly bo - dy bro - ken blood and  
4 tree! None in fo - liage, none in blos - som, none in  
5 bend; for a - while the an - cient ri - gor that thy  
6 Son, praise and hon - or to the Spi - rit, ev - er

1 cross thy tri - bute bring. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re -  
2 Sa - vior free - ly willed: on the cross the Lamb is  
3 wa - ter forth pro - ceed: earth, and stars, and sky, and  
4 fruit thy peer may be: sweet - est wood and sweet - est  
5 birth be - stowed, sus - pend; and the King of heaven - ly  
6 Three and ev - er One: one in might and one in

1 deem - er from that cross now reigns as King.  
2 lift - ed, where his pre - cious blood is spilled.  
3 o - cean, by that flood from stain are freed.  
4 i - ron! sweet - est weight is hung on thee.  
5 beau - ty gent - ly on thine arms ex - tend.  
6 glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

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## Confession of Sin

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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.**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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

*Celebrant* 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 administration of Communion is from the reserve sacrament.*

***A Note about Communion:***

*All may receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament.*

*Come to the altar at the direction of the ushers.*

*Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*Receive the wine either by drinking from the cup (guiding it to your lips) or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine.*

*If you desire to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest.*

*The Good Friday liturgy closes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.*

*Celebrant* 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 ministers and the people depart in silence.*

*Offering: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has called for Good Friday offerings to support ministry in the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.*

*You are welcome to stay and pray in the nave following this portion of the Triduum.*

*Holy Saturday is a day of solemnity as we reflect on the suffering and death of Jesus Christ and prepare for Easter morning.*

*The service will conclude with the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m.. Additional Easter services will be held on Sunday, April 9, at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. followed by festive receptions.*

# The Great Vigil of Easter

## April 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

### The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

*On this evening, we continue with the Vigil Mass following our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday observances. We gather silently in the courtyard and prepare for worship with prayer. Please remember to silence your cell phones.*

*In the dusk of the evening, fire is kindled, after which the Celebrant addresses the people with these words*

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

*The Celebrant may say the following prayer*

Let us pray.

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

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Celebrant, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the place appointed for the Liturgy of the Word, pausing three times and singing or saying.*

*Celebrant*      The light of Christ  
*People*          **Thanks be to God.**



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

*The candles that have distributed to the congregation are lighted from the Paschal Candle by the ministers of worship. When passing the light to others, please tip unlighted candle only. We ask that you hold your lighted candle upright at all times. Candles are to be gently extinguished as soon as the candles at the Altar are lighted (about midway through the service).*

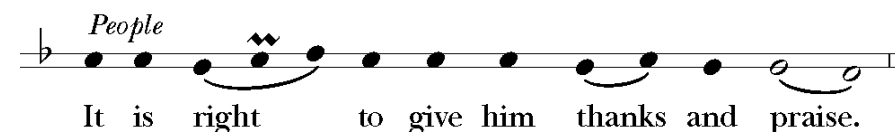
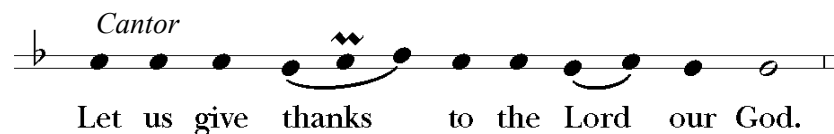
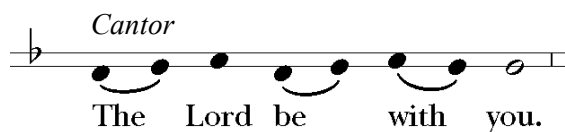
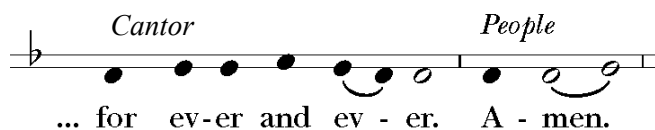
*Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then the Cantor, standing near the Candle, sings the Exsultet, as follows:*

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

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

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

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



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

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

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

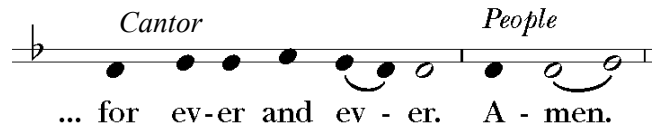
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

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

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

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of 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



## The Liturgy of the Word

*The Celebrant may introduce the Scripture readings in these or similar words*

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

*The people sit.*

### **The First Lesson      Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea      Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21**

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

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

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

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the

Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

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

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

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. And Miriam sang to them:

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

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

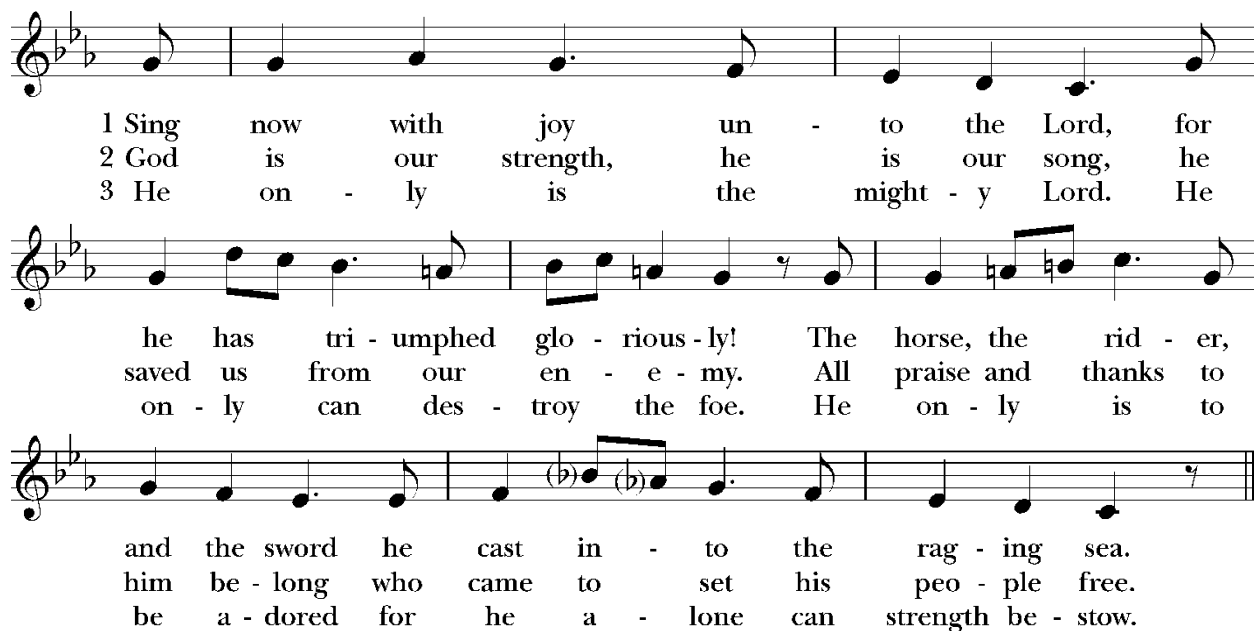
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand*

## Hymn 425

## Canticle 8, The Song of Moses

*Adon Olam*



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

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

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

Words: Anon., ca. 1976; alt.; based on Exodus 15:1-2. Music: *Adon Olam*, Eliezer Gerovitch (1844-1914).

*Silence is kept*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

*The people sit*

## **The Second Lesson**

## **God's Presence in a renewed Israel**

**Isaiah 4:2-6**

On that day the branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and glory of the survivors of Israel. Whoever is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem, once the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst by a spirit of judgment and by a spirit of burning. Then the Lord will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over its places of assembly a cloud by day and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night. Indeed over all the glory there will be a canopy. It will serve as a pavilion, a shade by day from the heat, and a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

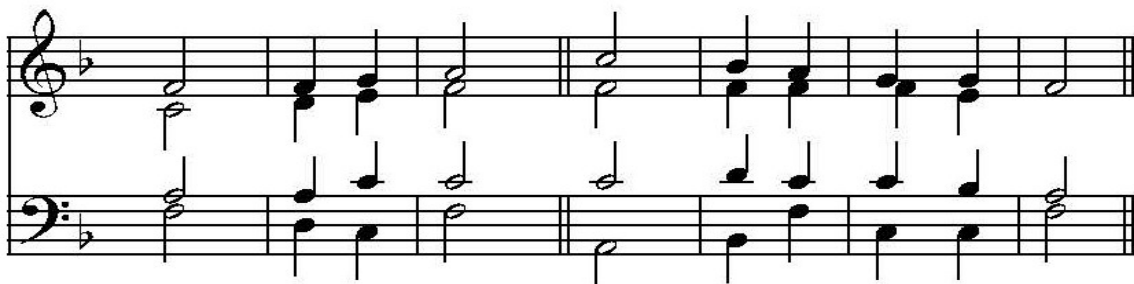
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 122**

*Chanted by congregation and choir*

*Lætatus sum*

*Richard Farrant*



- 1 I was glad when they | said to | me, \*  
"Let us go to the | hōuse | of the | LORD."
- 2 Now our | feet are | standing \*  
within your gates, | O Jer- | usa- | lem.
- 3 Jerusalem is | built • as a | city \*  
that is at | uni- • ty | with it- | self;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the | tribes • of the | LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the | Nāme | of the | LORD.
- 5 For there are the | thrones of | judgment, \*  
the thrones of the | hōuse | öf | David.

- 6 Pray for the peace of Jer- | usa- | lem: \*  
 "May they | prös- | per who | love you.
- 7 Peace be with- | in your | walls \*  
 and quietness with- | in | yöur | towers.
- 8 For my brethren and com- | panions' | sake, \*  
 I pray for | your pros- | peri- | ty.
- 9 Because of the house of the | LORD our | God, \*  
 I will | seek to | do you | good."

*Silence is kept*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you led your ancient people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we, who serve you now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem, where all tears are wiped away and where your saints for ever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Third Lesson**

### **The valley of dry bones**

### **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

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. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 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."

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. 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. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, 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." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

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.' Therefore prophesy, 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. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

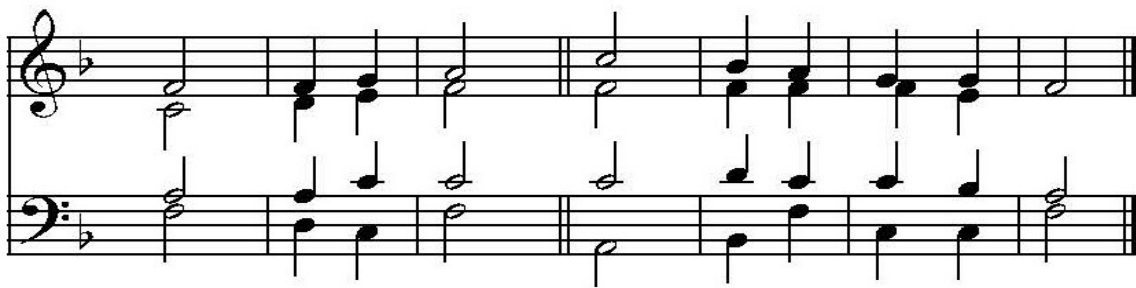
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 143

*Chanted by congregation and choir*

*Domine, exaudi*

*Richard Farrant*



- 1 LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my | supp-• li- cations; \*  
answer me | in your | righteous- | ness.
- 2 Enter not into judgment | with your | servant, \*  
for in your sight shall no one | living • be | justi- | fied.
- 3 For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me | to the | ground; \*  
he has made me live in dark places like | those who | are long | dead.
- 4 My spirit | faints with- | in me; \*  
my heart within | me is | deso- | late.
- 5 I remember the time past; I muse upon | all your | deeds; \*  
I consider the | wörks | of your | hands.
- 6 I spread out my | hands to | you; \*  
my soul gasps to you | like a | thirsty | land.
- 7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my | spirit | fails me; \*  
do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go | döwn | to the | Pit.
- 8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my | trust in | you; \*  
show me the road that I must walk, for I lift | up my | soul to | you.
- 9 Deliver me from my | enemies, • O | LORD, \*  
for I | flee to | you for | refuge.
- 10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you | are my | God; \*  
let your good Spirit lead | me on | level | ground.
- 11 Revive me, O LORD, for | your Name's | sake; \*  
for your righteousness' sake, | bring me | out of | trouble.
- 12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my | foes to | naught, \*  
for truly | I | am your | servant.

*Silence is kept*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Fourth Lesson**

## **The gathering of God's people**

## **Zephaniah 3:14-20**

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

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

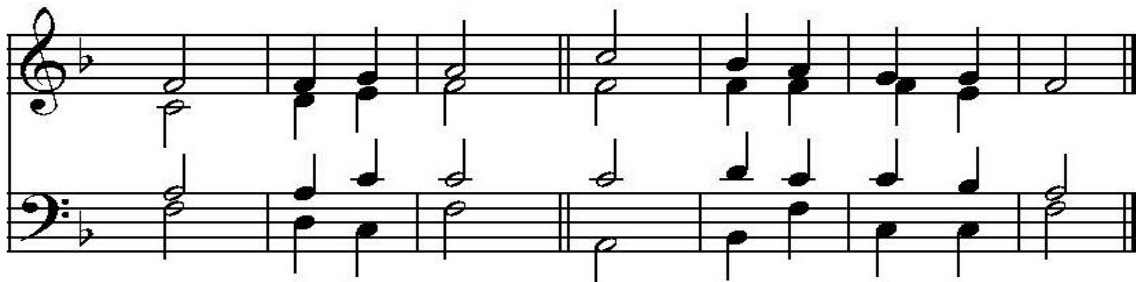
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 98**

*Chanted by the choir only*

*Cantate Domino*

*Richard Farrant*



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

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

*Silence is kept*

*Celebrant* 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 Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*The Celebrant may first address the people in these or similar words, all standing*

*Celebrant* 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.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

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 Asperges**

*The Celebrant now sprinkles the congregation with holy water.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

## **At the Eucharist**

*The candles at the Altar are now lighted from the Paschal Candle. The congregation's handheld  
candles are now extinguished.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

# Gloria in excelsis

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1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* 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.**

*The people sit.*

## The Epistle

**Romans 6:3-11**

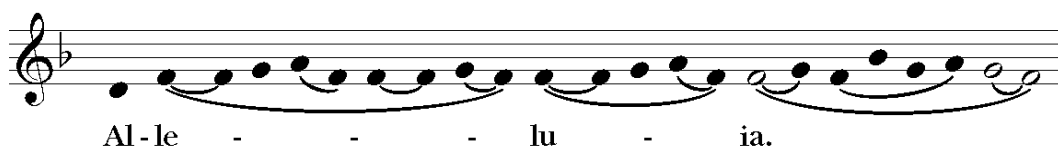
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

## The Great Alleluia

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*After the Epistle, this Alleluia is chanted three times by the cantor, the congregation repeating it each time.*



## The Gospel

**Matthew 28:1-10**

*Celebrant* †The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

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

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

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Richard H. Winters**

## **The Prayers of the People**

**Form III, BCP**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest, including Emily Getman.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Peace

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

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences from the Book of Common Prayer or with some other sentence of Scripture. Please be seated.*

### The Offertory Anthem

*Sing Ye to the Lord*

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Sing ye to the Lord,  
for He hath triumph'd gloriously.  
Pharaoh's chariots and his host  
hath He cast into the sea.

Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath Thee lie;  
Thou hast conquer'd in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light.

Now no more can death appal,  
now no more the grave enthal;  
Thou hast open'd Paradise,  
And in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.

Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath Thee lie;  
Thou hast conquer'd in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light.

Thou hast open'd Paradise,  
and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.  
Alleluia! Amen.

### The Presentation

Hymn 174

Salzburg

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



praise we him, whose love di-vine gives his sa-cred Blood for wine,  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas-chal vic-tim, Pas-chal bread;  
now no more can death ap-pall, now no more the grave en-thrall;  
Hymns of glo-ry, songs of praise, Fa-ther, un-to thee we raise:

who hath washed us in the tide flow-ing from his pierc-ed side;  
Is-rael's hosts tri-um-phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
thou hast con-quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
From sin's power do thou set free souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.

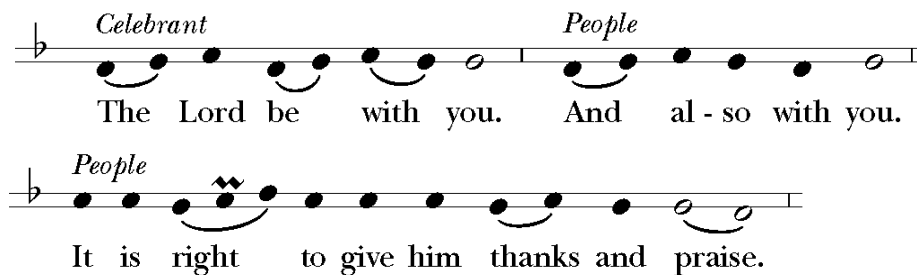
gives his Bo-dy for the feast, Christ the vic-tim, Christ the priest.  
with sin-cer-i-ty and love eat we man-na from a-bove.  
thou hast o-pened par-a-dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
ris-en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi-rit ev-er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt. Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob IIintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

## The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum corda

S 120



*Celebrant*      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

## Sanctus

S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de -  
li-ver us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are  
yours, now and for ev - er. A - - men. A - men.

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## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## The Fraction Anthem

**S 169**

*Cantor or Choir*  
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -  
deed, says the Lord. *1 All* My Lord. *2 Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my  
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. *All* My  
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### ***A Note about Communion:***

*All may receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist.*

*Come to the altar at the direction of the ushers.*

*Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*Receive the wine either by drinking from the cup (guiding it to your lips) or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine.*

*If you desire to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest.*

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

### **Hymns during Communion**

Hymn 305

*Rosedale*

*Descant*

3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,  
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou  
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one  
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest; one Name we

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:  
Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;  
art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

*Ped.*

bear, one Bread of life we break, with all thy

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in  
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: faith  
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with  
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be

saints on earth and saints at rest.

thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
 still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
 all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
 known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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## Hymn 190

## *Fisk of Gloucester*

1 Lift your voice re - joic - ing, Ma - ry, Christ has  
 2 Raise your wea - ry eye - lids, Ma - ry, see him  
 3 Life is yours for ev - er, Ma - ry, for your

ris - en from the tomb; on the cross a suf - ferer  
 liv - ing ev - er - more; see his coun - te - nance, how  
 light is come once more and the strength of death is



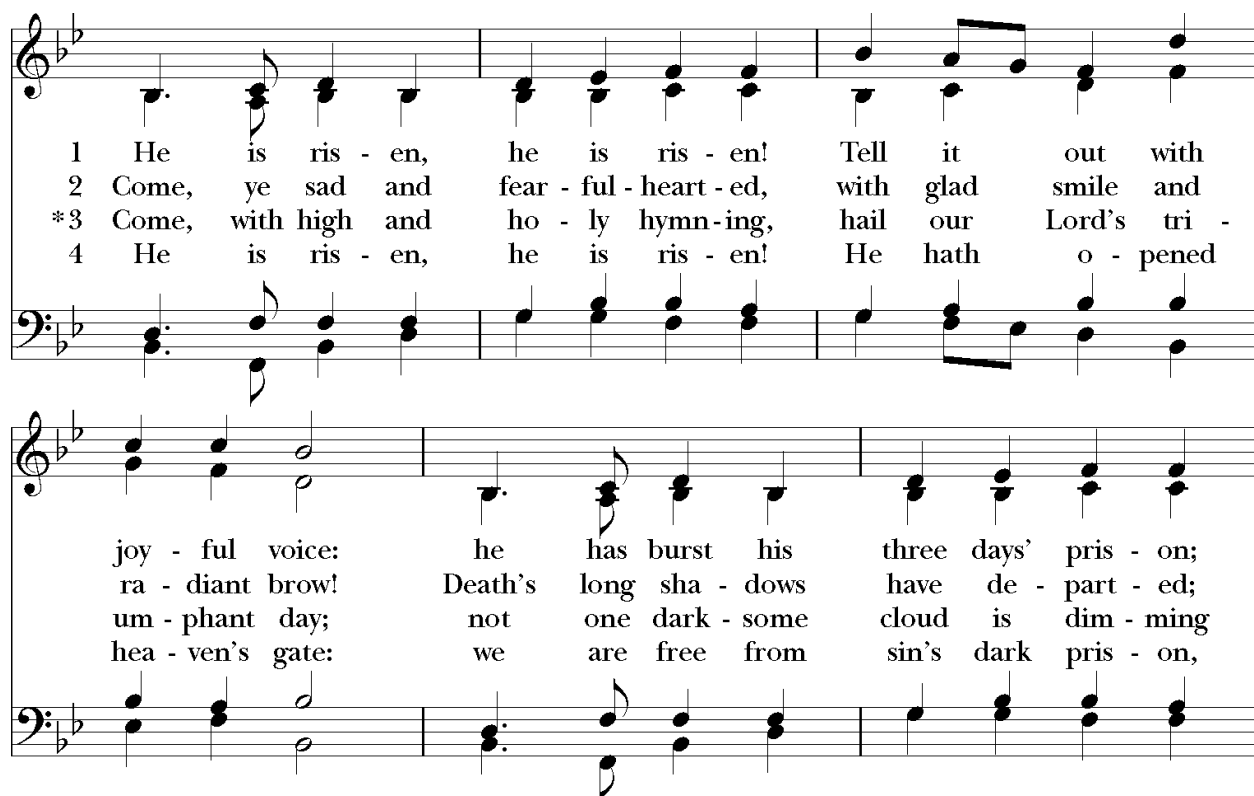
vic - tim, now as vic - tor he is come. Whom your  
gra - cious, see the wounds for you he bore. All the  
bro - ken; now your songs of joy out - pour. End - ed  
tears in death were mourn - ing, wel - come with your smiles re -  
glo - ry of the morn - ing pales be - fore those wounds re -  
now the night of sor - row, love has brought the bless - ed  
turn - ing. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!  
deem - ing. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!  
mo - rrow. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!

Words: Latin, tr. Elizabeth Rundle Charles (1828-1896), alt.

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# Hymn 180 (omit verse 3)

## *Unser Herrscher*



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

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

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

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

*If you are worshiping with us virtually, please pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping at home, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.

†I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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

## The Blessing

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

## The Hymn in Procession

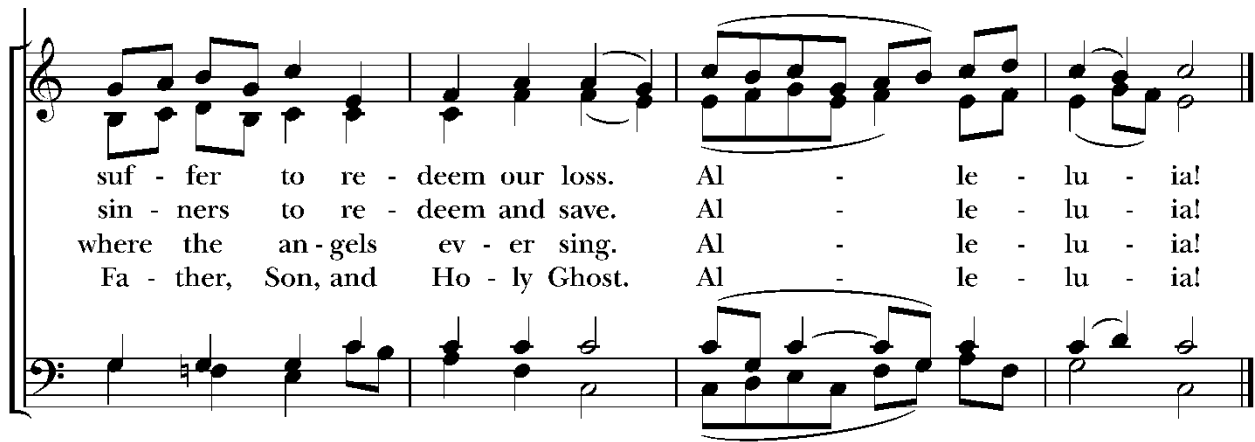
Hymn 207

*Easter Hymn*

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

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

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Revised, 1950. Descant by permission of Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

## The Dismissal

*The people are dismissed to follow the cross into the world.*

*The people respond, saying*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## The Closing Voluntary:

*Toccata in F*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

The order of service from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979  
according to the use of the Episcopal Church.

A special “thank you” to our guest organist, Daniel A. Beck.

Please join us in the Parish Hall  
for a festive reception.

## **Easter Flower Dedications**

### **In Memory of:**

- Hank & Grace Pressley by Jimmy & Pam Hyde
- Fred & Margaret Knight, Robert & Susan Stiles, and Beau Satterfield Kennedy by Marty Knight
- Jackson & Davis family by Mike & Jane Davis
- Our parents and grandparents; Leon & Mildred, Bob & Margaret, Thomas & Emma, Jefferson & Effie by Bob & Sandy Rutters
- Houston Suggs by Kerry Suggs
- Cindy Chastain Wade by Marcia, Jim, Meghann, & Jillian Humpreys
- Mr. & Mrs. James Gilbert, Sr. by Julia Gilbert
- Harriet (Happy) Adams by John Adams
- Sandra Davey by Bill Davey
- Charles William Cook, Jr. by Annette Cook
- Jim Tindall, Jimmy King, and Suzanne Yunis by Karen Tindall
- David L. Ronn, Rosemarie Collins McDonald, and Robert & Cecilia Collins by Denise Ronn
- Our parents and grandparents by Carl & Brenda Worley
- Betsy & Stanton McKee, Myrtice & Harvey Knight and Ted McKee by Angee & Rick McKee
- John Wade by Susan Wade

### **In Thanksgiving for:**

- Our grandsons; Hiller, Finn, & Milo by Ernie & Gale Palmer
- Our children, and grandchildren by Mike & Jane Davis
- Tom, Susan, Vanessa, and Connor by Bob & Sandy Rutters
- All God's blessings by Bill & Sandi Behrens
- Angee McKee by The St. Cecilia Choir
- Red Door Food Pantry volunteers by Karen Tindall
- My children, my grandchildren, and my Ascension family by Denise Ronn
- Our new grandchildren, Noah Benjamin & Cash William by Susan & Barry McLeod
- Our children and grandchildren by Carl & Brenda Worley
- My children and grandchildren by Susan Wade