



# ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Hybrid Holy Week: 2021

### PART II: The Sacred Paschal Triduum

<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7pm (Parish Hall + Online)
<b>Good Friday</b>	7pm (Parish Hall + Online)
<b>Great Vigil of Easter</b>	6pm (Rectorry Lawn)

1–3 April 2021

*These liturgies may be celebrated at any hour convenient to you and those with whom you live. You will be praying them alongside other Christians around the world. You are also welcome to join us online at the times listed above.*

*Easter Sunday Services will occur at the usual times: 8am (Parish Hall + Online) and 10.30am (Rectorry Lawn). RSVP is suggested for inside services to ensure you will be permitted to enter.*

*To join these online services or for more schedule information, visit <http://www.stthomasglassboro.org>*

During this season of coronavirus infections, please demonstrate your love for your friends and neighbors by:

1. Wearing a mask (covering both mouth and nose)
2. Remaining six feet apart from anyone you don't live with
3. Refraining from touching, hugging and shaking hands – even during the Peace
4. Singing is only permitted outdoors, six feet apart, wearing masks
5. Service bulletins you have touched must be taken home
6. After the service everyone must disperse with no lingering
7. No sharing of common objects such as pens, paper, etc.



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# Act I: Maundy Thursday

*according to the Book of Common Prayer (pp. 274f.)*

## We Gather in God's Name

### A Penitential Order

*The people stand as able.*

**Presider:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:** **God's mercy endures for ever.**

*The people kneel or stand as able.*

**Presider:** Hear the commandments of God to God's people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Presider:** You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Presider:** You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Presider:** Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Presider:** Honor your father and your mother.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Presider:** You shall not commit murder.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Presider:** You shall not commit adultery.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Presider:** You shall not steal.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Presider:** You shall not be a false witness.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Presider:** You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Presider:** Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

**Deacon:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

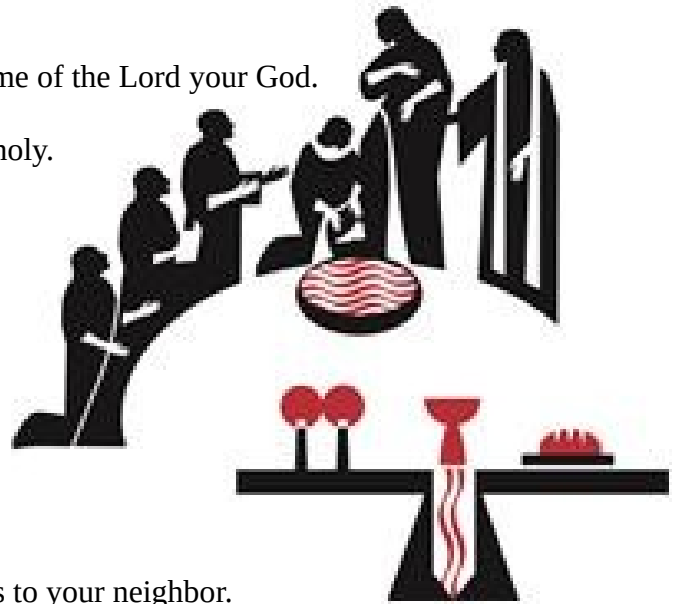
**People:** **Most merciful God,**

**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.**

**Priest:** 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.**



*Presider:* Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**People: Have mercy upon us.**

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

### **The Collect Proper to the Day**

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 are seated.*

## **We Hear God's Word**

### **The First Lesson** Exodus 12:1-14

*Lector:* A reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

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

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

**Psalm 116:1,10-17**

*Dilexi, quoniam*

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

**10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?**

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
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 thanksgiving \*  
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. **Hallelujah!**

**The Second Lesson**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*Lector:* A reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth.

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 people stand as able.*

**The Holy Gospel**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

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

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

except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

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

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

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated.*

## **The Homily**

The Rev. Dr. John Hanson

## **We Respond in Faith**

*The people stand or kneel as able.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

Today, the response to “let us pray” is “**Lord, have mercy.**”

The prayers of the people conclude with: Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Thomas, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

### **The Peace**

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Announcements**

## **We Offer Ourselves To God**

*The altar is prepared in silence. Then the people stand as able.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Presider continues:*

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

*A Proper Preface may be used here.*

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**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider 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."

*Presider:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People:** Christ has died.

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider 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.

*Presider:* 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.

**People:** AMEN.

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

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

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

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **We Receive the Gift of God**

### **Receiving Communion during Covid:**

*Please remain where you are, standing or seated in prayer. After the presider has received the Sacrament in both kinds, donned a mask, and carefully sanitized hands, the presider will bring the sacrament to each person in turn.*

*If you wish to receive communion physically:*

- 1. Hold out your cupped hands to receive the bread. The presider will drop the host into your hands without making contact.*
- 2. Wait until the presider has moved away to remove your mask, consume the host, and replace your mask.*
- 3. Communion will be offered in one kind only (just the bread). This is still full communion.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion physically:*

- 1. Cross your arms over your chest. The presider will offer you a blessing instead, again without touching.*
- 2. You are invited to utter the Prayer for Spiritual Communion while communion is being distributed.*

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*(from The Prayer Book for the Armed Services)*



*The people stand as able.*

### **The Post-communion Prayer**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**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.

### **Stripping and Washing of the Altar**

**Psalm 22**

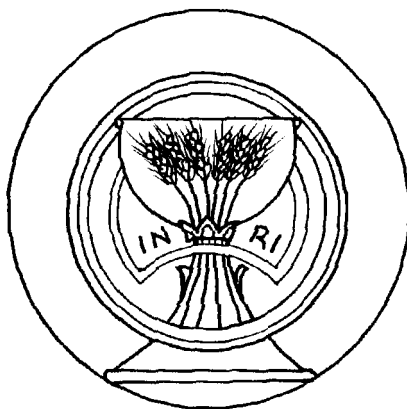
*Deus, Deus meus*

*(text on pp. 9f.)*

*Tonight's portion of the liturgy concludes without further ceremony. The congregation departs in silence.*

*A camera will be left on the stripped altar overnight for those who would like to take part in a watch at the hours of your choosing via Zoom.*

*The liturgy continues tomorrow at 7pm with the Celebration of the Passion.*



# Act II: Good Friday

*according to the Book of Common Prayer (pp. 276ff.)*

## We Gather in God's Name

*On this day the ministers enter in silence.*

*All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy with the Collect of the Day.*

**Presider:** Blessed be our God,

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

**Presider:** 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.**

## We Hear God's Word

### The First Lesson

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

**Lector:** A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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

Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?  
For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

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

we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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

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

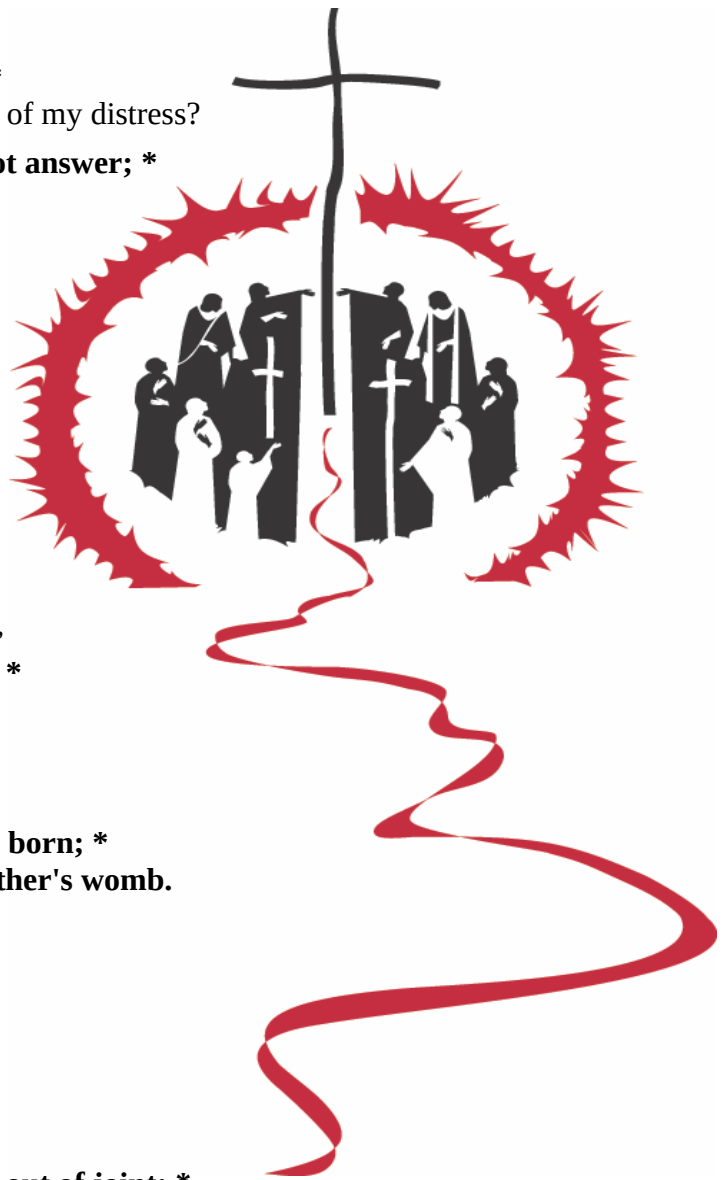
**Lector:** The word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 22**

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

**The Second Lesson**                      Hebrews 10:16-25  
*Lector:*     A reading from the book of Hebrews

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 customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

*The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17) all stand.*

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.

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.

*Pause. The people stand.*

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 are seated.*

### **The Homily**

The Rev. Todd Foster

## **We Respond in Faith**

*The people stand as able.*

### **The Solemn Collects**

*It is customary to kneel during the silence that follows each bidding spoken by the Deacon, and to stand for each Collect spoken by the priest.*

**Deacon:** Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

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

*Silence*

**Priest:** 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.**

**Deacon:** 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*

*Priest:* 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 tranquillity your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Deacon:* 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*

*Priest:* 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.**

*Deacon:* 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*

*Priest:* 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.**

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

*Silence*

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



## The Veneration of the Cross

*Anyone is invited to come kneel before the cross during silence and the anthems. Please be sure to maintain a safe distance – at least six feet – from anyone else.*

**Anthem 1**     We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
                    **and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;**  
                    **for by virtue of your cross**  
                    **joy has come to the whole world.**

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

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

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

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



**Anthem 2**     We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
                    **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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

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

**Anthem 3**     O Savior of the world,  
                    who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:  
                    **Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.**

**Anthem 4**     **Ah, Holy Jesus**

*Video with music and representations of the Pietá available on the St. Thomas' website or by following the QR code below:*



*Presider:* Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:

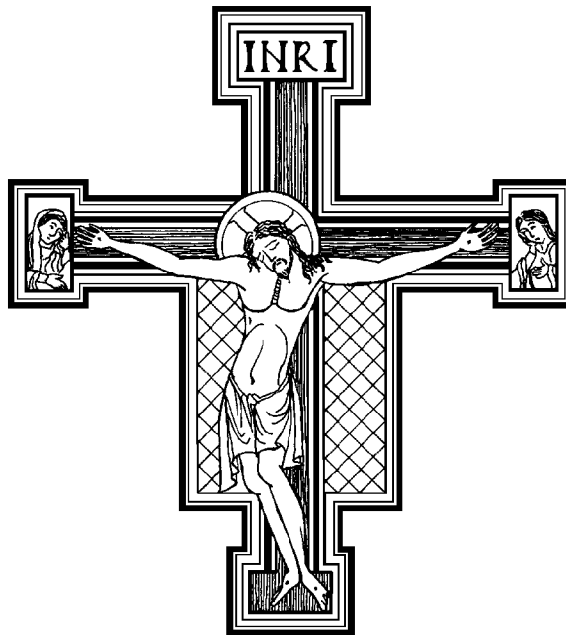
**People:** Our Father, **who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy Name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who trespass against us.**  
**And lead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

*The service concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

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

*The congregation departs in silence.*



# Act III: The Great Vigil of Easter

*according to the Book of Common Prayer*

## The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

*The people gather outdoors around the new fire.*

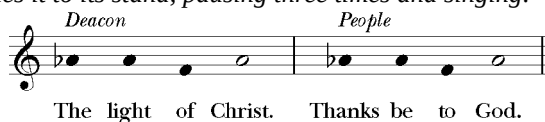
**Presider:** Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his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

*The Paschal Candle is lit.*

**Presider:** 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.**

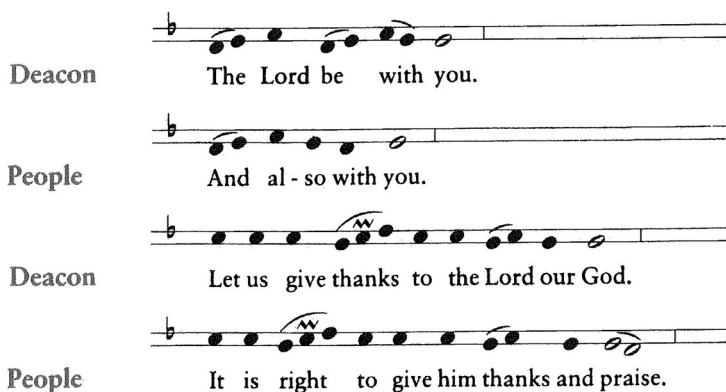
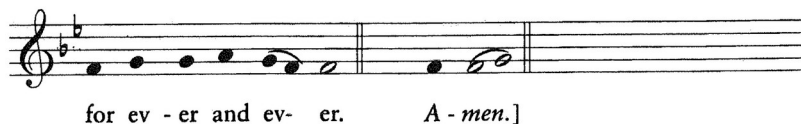
*The Deacon, bearing the Candle, carries it to its stand, pausing three times and singing:*



*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. The congregation's candles are lit from the Paschal Candle.*

## The Exsultet

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,

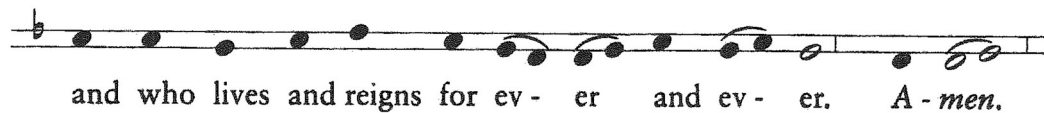


It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin,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



*The Paschal Candle will burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Presider:* 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 lessons are read or stories are told without the usual introduction or conclusion. The toll of a bell will begin and end a period of silence after each reading. After each reading a musical offering may be made (by prior arrangement).*

### I. The Story of Creation

**Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

*Silence*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

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



### II. The Flood

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

*Silence*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### III. Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20-21

*Silence*

*Presider:* 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.**



### IV. Salvation Offered Freely to All

Isaiah 55:1-11

*Silence*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

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

### V. God's Wisdom Calls a Renewed Israel

Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4

*Silence*

*Presider:* 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.**



### VI. The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Silence*

*Presider:* 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.**

### VII. The Gathering of God's People

Zephaniah 3:14-20

*Silence*

*Presider:* 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 tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Easter Homily of St. John of Chrysostom**

*This Easter Homily was first preached by John of Chrysostom around the year 400A.D. It is a common tradition in Orthodox churches to use it as the sermon at the Easter Vigil.*

*Presider:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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**People:** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Lights may be turned on and the people's candles are lit.*

*Make noise! Ring bells! Shout "Alleluia!" Stomp your feet. Rejoice!*

*All stand as able.*

### **Gloria in excelsis**

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,**

**we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Presider:* Let us pray.

### **The Collect Proper to the Day**

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 are seated.*

## We Hear God's Word

### The Epistle

Romans 6:3–11

Bible 917

*Lector:* A reading from the letter to the Romans.

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

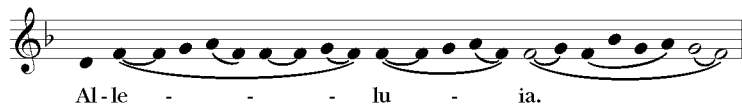
*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*The people stand as able.*

### The Great Alleluia

*After the Epistle, this Alleluia is traditionally sung three times by the Celebrant or by a Cantor, at successively higher pitches (one whole tone each time), the Congregation repeating it each time.*



### The Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

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

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*The Presider addresses the people:*

*Presider:* 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.

*The people stand as able.*

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

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

**Presider:** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

**Presider:** 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.**

**Presider:** 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.**

**Presider:** 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.**

**Presider:** 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.**

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

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

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

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

**Presider:** 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.**

**Presider:** 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.

### **Prayers of the People**

Today, the response to "Alleluia! The Lord is risen!" is "**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**"

The prayers of the people conclude with: Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Thomas, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

### **The Peace**

**Presider:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **The Announcements**



# We Offer Ourselves To God

Offertory Hymn

*Surely it is God*

Hymnal 679

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The Christian Life

1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed

fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his

help is near. So re - jice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with

va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the

liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); para. of *The First Song of Isaiah*  
Music: Thomas Merton, Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

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The Great Thanksgiving can be found on pages 5–7.

## The Easter Blessing

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

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

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

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

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## Jesus Christ our Lord

D $\flat$ (C)      A $\flat$ (G)      G $\flat$ (F)      A $\flat$ (G)

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see — the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for — the com - ing of Christ.

B $\flat$ m(Am)      Fm(Em)      A $\flat$ (G)      B $\flat$ m(Am)

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.

D $\flat$ (C)      Fm(Em)      G $\flat$ (F)      A $\flat$ (G)

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run — with pa - tience the race, we

D $\flat$ (C)      A $\flat$ (G)      E $\flat$ (D)      A $\flat$ (G)

star of my life — is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 shall know the joy — of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

Db(C) Gb(F) Db(C) Fm(Em)

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

Bbm(Am) Db(C)sus4 Db(C) Bbm(Am) Ab(G)

night and the day are both a - like. The

Ebm(Dm) Db(C) Gb(F) Ab(G) *rit.*

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

*a tempo* Db(C) Ab(G) Gb(F) Ab(G) Db(C)

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Db (capo 1, C). Keyboard and guitar should not sound together.

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

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Irr. with Refrain

### Dismissal

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Welcome to St. Thomas'!

**We are pleased you have come to worship with us today!** St. Thomas' welcomes all regardless of age, abilities, physical or mental health, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity, income, education, political affiliation or faith commitment. The things which bind us are greater than the things that separate us, and the love of God is greater than all our divisions.

**Children are welcome at all services.** Childcare is not available during this season of Coronavirus precautions.

We extend a special welcome to **Rowan students!** We are here to support you in your journey during this season of life.

We understand the **Holy Eucharist**, also known as Communion, as participation in the Body of Christ. As such, it flows from the vows we have made in baptism. It is a weekly reminder and recommitment to continue in regular worship, to repent from evil, to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, to seek and serve Christ in everyone, and to respect the dignity of every human being. All who seek Christ – of every age and tradition – are invited to share in Holy Communion. Instructions are provided in this bulletin at the appropriate place in the service.

The **offering plate** will not be passed during this season; it has been set out on a table for your convenience. Or you may give by clicking the "Donate" button at [www.stthomasglassboro.org](http://www.stthomasglassboro.org). Thank you for your support of the ministry of St. Thomas'!

*Bathrooms are located in the Parish Hall.*

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