

The Paschal Triduum



Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

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THE PASSOVER OF THE LORD

Human life is a constant interplay of loss and gain, of suffering and delight, of death and life. Those who are wise recognize that even in the midst of what seems hopeless, there is always reason to hope. They know that what seems most destructive need not destroy but can be, to the contrary, the birth of something new.

To live with the expectation that there should be or could be no suffering in life is the route to the greatest suffering of all. In addition to the inevitable struggles of life, the expectation that there should be no suffering creates the agony of an unattainable goal. When, however, the human person accepts suffering, not only as an inevitable but also a potentially constructive aspect of living, suffering loses a great deal of its power to injure and becomes, paradoxically, a source of wisdom, strength, and compassion. Those who come to terms with the paradoxical interplay between death and rebirth, between suffering and joy, expand their heart's ability to understand and love other human beings, all of whom live in the same tension. And that love for others is the greatest possible source of human freedom and joy. In such love Christ found joy in his life, and in such love the Christian finds joy today.

At the heart of Christ's life and at the heart of every Christian life is love. Love led God to become one like us, to become flesh in Jesus. Love-Made-Flesh healed the pain of human frailty and crossed the chasm of human isolation. Love-Made-Flesh knelt at the feet of the disciples and washed their feet. Love-Made-Flesh did not strike back when he was struck. Love-Made-Flesh did not wish death and destruction even for those who laid the cross on his shoulders and drove in the nails. In Jesus — in how he lived and how he died — the world saw how deeply God loves.

If we would live fully, love is the way.

During the three days of the Paschal Triduum — from sundown on Maundy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday — the Church celebrates the paradoxical truth that living and dying are intimately bound up. As life inevitably asks us to let go of one thing after another, and especially to let go of things for the sake of others, ever more abundant life opens before us. Even when life asks us to let go of life itself, a new and unimaginable life awaits. In our dying there is living, and in our most abundant, most intense living, we are not immune to suffering.

All of this is self-evident to anyone who has ever loved deeply. The more we give ourselves away for the sake of others, the more we gain. And the more we love, the more we make ourselves vulnerable to suffering.

Such is the mystery of human life. Such is the mystery of Jesus' life. Such is the mystery of life in the Body of Christ.

“You are the Body of Christ,” writes the Apostle Paul, “and members of him.” The mystery of Christ's dying and rising has now become ours.

THE FIRST ASSEMBLING OF THE
CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY

ENTRANCE RITES

ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL

The assembly stands as the hymn begins.



1. Where char - it - ty and love pre - vail
2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear
3. For - give we now each o - ther's faults
4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known,
5. Let us re - call that in our midst
6. Love can ex - clude no race nor creed



there God is ev - er found;
His char - i - ty we learn;
as we our faults con - - - fess;
let all con - ten - tion cease;
dwells God's be - got - ten Son;
if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - ge - ther by Christ's love
let us with heart and mind and strength
and let us love each o - ther well
be His the glo - ry that we seek,
as mem - bers of His Bo - dy joined
our com - mon life em - brac - es all



by love are we thus bound.
now love Him in re - - - turn.
in Chris - tian ho - - - li - - - ness.
be ours His ho - - - ly peace.
we are in Him made one.
whose Fat - her is the same.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Assembly: And Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

KYRIE (S91 ABBREVIATED)



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: 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.

Assembly: Amen.

The assembly is seated for the readings and the psalm.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for prayerful meditation follows the proclamation.

PSALM 78:14-20,23-25

Following each verse the Assembly responds:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.

- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.
- 17 But they went on sinning against him, *
rebellling in the desert against the Most High.
- 18 They tested God in their hearts, *
demanding food for their craving.
- 19 They railed against God and said, *
“Can God set a table in the wilderness?”
- 20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; *
but is he able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?”
- 23 So he commanded the clouds above *
and opened the doors of heaven.
- 24 He rained down manna upon them to eat *
and gave them grain from heaven.
- 25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
he provided for them food enough.

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for prayerful meditation follows the proclamation.

GRADUAL HYMN

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF LIGHT

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.

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

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

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

Refrain

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

night and the day are both a - like. The

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

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35

All remain standing and facing the Gospel Book.

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

Assembly: 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.

Jesus said, "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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

A period of silence follows the sermon.

MANDATUM

Presider:

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done.”

Every member of the assembly is welcomed and encouraged to participate in the sign of foot washing, given to us by the Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed.

Chairs are set up on the edge of the sanctuary step. As a chair becomes available, go to it and remove one of your shoes.

Towards the closing of the foot washing, the congregation sings the following.

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, But
2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With
3. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight
4. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive; Wilt
5. Just as I am, thy love un - known Has
6. Just as I am, of thy great love The

1. that thy blood was shed for me,
2. ma - ny-a con - flict, ma - ny-a doubt;
3. rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,
4. wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,
5. bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;
6. breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,

1. And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O
2. Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O
3. Yea, all I need in thee to find, O
4. Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O
5. Now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone, O
6. Here for a sea - son, then a - bove: O

Lamb of God, I come, I come.

After the Mandatum, the people sit for a time in silent prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III

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; *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.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

PEACE

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

Assembly: And also with you.

The people greet one another saying, "The peace of the Lord be with you," or similar words.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

Presider: Give to us an awareness of your mercies, O Lord, that with truly thankful heart we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up all we are and all we have to your service.

The Assembly may be seated

The ushers now come forward with the gifts of Bread & Wine and then collect the people's gifts of treasures.

Instrumental music may accompany the preparations, as the music concludes the assembly stands for the presenting of the gifts of treasure.

GREAT THANKSGIVING—Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.

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

Assembly: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a Proper Preface is said.*)

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:

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in a minor key (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na". The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People Kneel. 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

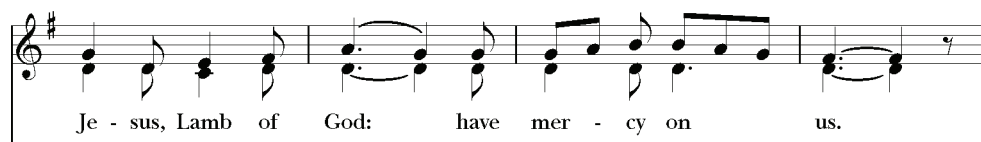
Presider: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Assembly: 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

The following litany accompanies the preparation of the Eucharistic Food and Drink.



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

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The presider invites the assembly to Communion saying:

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

Every member of the assembly is welcomed and encouraged to approach the Lord's Table.

Baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Those among us who are not baptized are welcome to receive a blessing. Please cross you arms over your chest as the presider approaches to signal that you wish to receive a blessing and not Holy Communion.

If you are receiving Holy Communion, please extend your hands to receive the Eucharistic Bread. Guide the chalice to your lips to receive the Eucharistic Wine.

When the minister says, "The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven," or "The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation," please respond, "Amen," before receiving.

Those who wish may receive Holy Communion by intinction. After receiving the Eucharistic Bread, hold it until the Eucharistic Minister offers you the Eucharistic Wine. Then, after saying, "Amen," dip the Bread into the Wine.

After you have received the Sacrament or a blessing, please return to the congregational seating area.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Assembly: 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.

PROCESSION TO THE CHAPEL OF RESERVATION

By ancient custom, Good Friday is the one day of the Christian year when the Eucharist is not celebrated. Instead, Holy Communion is distributed from the Sacrament reserved from tonight's liturgy.

When the Gifts of God are gathered and prepared, the people spend a time in silent contemplation of the Sacrament around which the community is gathered. Then the assembly sings the following hymn.

HYMN

AT THAT FIRST EUCHARIST

1. At that first eu - cha - rist be - fore you died,
2. For all your Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;
3. We pray for those who wan - der from the fold;
4. So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

O Lord, you prayed that all be one in you;
O make our lack of char - i - ty to cease;
O bring them back, good shep - herd of the sheep,
May we be one with all your Church a - bove,

At this our eu - cha - rist a - gain pre - side,
Draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,
Back to the faith which saints be - lieved of old,
One with your saints in one un - end - ing peace,

And in our hearts your law of love re - new.
By draw - ing all to you, O Prince of peace.
Back to the Church which still that faith does keep.
One with your saints in one un - boun - ed love.

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
Through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

It is desirable that all remain for the stripping of the altar, an act reminiscent of our Lord's abandonment by his disciples. The Priest gathers the Gifts of God and the stripping of the altar begins as the priest announces, "They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing."

The candles are extinguished, the lights are made dim. Those appointed assist in the stripping of the altar while a reader prays aloud the scripture passage (Psalm 22).

PROCESSION OF THE SACRAMENT

The procession to the chapel of reservation begins at the bidding of the priest.

DEVOTIONS AT THE PLACE OF RESERVATION

When the procession reaches the place where the Sacrament will be reserved, the priest may say a devotion or read a brief scripture passage.

*The assembly stands or kneels in silent prayer for an extended period.
A bell signals the end of the period of prayer.*

The assembly disperses in complete silence or stays for the period of watching and waiting in prayer.

The liturgy resumes tomorrow evening.

*Please leave this booklet in the church as you exit
so that it can be used
for the remaining Triduum assemblies.*

THE SECOND ASSEMBLING OF THE
CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY

ENTRANCE RITES

The assembly gathers in complete and unbroken silence. The assembly stands as the ministers enter.

The presider (and the deacon) prostrate and the other members of the assembly kneel.

The presider alone stands and prays the collect.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

Assembly: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The assembly is seated for the readings and the psalm.

FIRST READING

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22—DEUS, DEUS MEUS

Following each verse of the psalm please prayerfully respond with:

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

- 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.

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 10:16-25

"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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

JOHN 18:1-19:37

The Passion Reading is available on the Insert.

The assembly remains seated for the first part of the proclamation.

All stand after the sentence is read, "Then he handed him over to them to be crucified."

At the end of the proclamation, all sing the following hymn.

HYMN

O SACRED HEAD, SORE WOUNDED

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

A period of silence follows the sermon.

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

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

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

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

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

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.*

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.

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

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;
For those who have never heard the word of salvation
For those who have lost their faith
For those hardened by sin or indifference
For the contemptuous and the scornful
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others
That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who

resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us commit ourselves to 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.

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.

*A period of silent prayer follows each set of biddings
when the members of the assembly may silently call to mind other similar intentions.
Then the presider prays a collect and the assembly responds, "Amen."*

VENERATION OF THE LORD'S CROSS

THE SHOWING OF THE CROSS

*The people remain standing. A wooden cross is brought forward and placed in the sight of the people.
The priest reveals the wooden cross.*

The following may be sung or said

Presider: Behold the wood of the cross on which hung the savior of the world.

Assembly: Come let us worship.

The people kneel when the presider kneels, and a period of silence is observed.

Then, as the instrumental music begins, all present come forward and make some gesture of reverence and thanksgiving according to their own piety.

Presider: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

Assembly: because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

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

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

THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

PROCESSION OF THE SACRAMENT

The altar is prepared in the appropriate manner and then the priest gathers the Gifts of God from the place of reservation. All stand as the procession with the reserved Sacrament enters the assembly. Following The Confession of Sin and The Lord's Prayer, Holy Communion is administered in the usual way.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Assembly: 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.

Presider: “Almighty God grant to you absolution and remission of all your sin. God grant you true repentance and amendment of life and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit.” Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Assembly: 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 presider invites the assembly to Communion saying:

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

COMMUNION

Every member of the assembly is welcomed and encouraged to approach the Lord's Table.

Baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Those among us who are not baptized are welcome to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest as the presider approaches to signal that you wish to receive a blessing and not Holy Communion.

*If you are receiving Holy Communion, please extend your hands to receive the Eucharistic Bread.
Guide the chalice to your lips to receive the Eucharistic Wine.*

When the minister says, "The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven," or "The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation," please respond, "Amen," before receiving.

Those who wish may receive Holy Communion by intinction. After receiving the Eucharistic Bread, hold it until the Eucharistic Minister offers you the Eucharistic Wine. Then, after saying, "Amen," dip the Bread into the Wine.

After you have received the Sacrament or a blessing, please return to the congregational seating area.

After Communion the assembly sits and prays silently.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY
CRUCIFIED MY LORD

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?

CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER

The assembly stands.

Presider: Let us pray. 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.

Assembly: Amen

RETIRING PROCESSION

The assembly stays in place until the ministers have recessed.

Complete and unbroken silence is maintained in the church.

The liturgy resumes tomorrow evening.

Please leave this booklet in the church as you exit so that it can be used for the remaining Triduum assembly.

THE THIRD ASSEMBLING OF THE
CHURCH

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The assembly gathers at the new fire of Easter.

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the people in these or similar words

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

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 Presider may say the following

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.

Assembly: Amen.

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly-kindled fire.

PROCESSION

The person/Deacon bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing, each time at a step higher,



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

If candles have been distributed to members of the congregation, they are lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time... Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lighted.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. After all are in place, the cantor, standing near the Candle, sings the Exultet, as follows:

EXSULTET

Cantor: 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,

Cantor
... for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Cantor *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Cantor
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Cantor continues:

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 forever

again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, “Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. Then God said to Noah and his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendents after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.” The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

Psalm 46

- Cantor/Reader* 1. God is our refuge and strength,*
A very present help in trouble.
- Men* 2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,*
And though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- Women*
& Children 3. Though its waters rage and foam,*
And though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- ALL* 4. The LORD of hosts is with us;*
The God of Jacob is our strong-hold.
- Women*
& Children 5. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.*
The holy habitation of the Most High.
- Men* 6. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;*
God shall help her at the break of day.
- Women*
& Children 7. The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;*
God has spoken, and the **earth** shall **melt** away.

- ALL* 8. The LORD of hosts is with us;*
The God of Jacob is our strong-hold.
- Women
& Children* 9. Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,*
What awesome things he has done on earth.
- Men* 10. It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;*
He breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- Women
& Children* 11. “Be still, then, and know that I am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”
- ALL* 12. The LORD of hosts is with us;*
The God of Jacob is our strong-hold.

COLLECT

Presider: Let us pray. (*Silence*) 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.

Assembly: Amen.

THE SECOND READING:

ISRAEL’S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

EXODUS 14:10-15:1

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

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

Canticle 8 – The Song of Moses

Reader: I will sing to the Lord for he has risen up in might.

Assembly: I will sing to the Lord for he has risen up in might.

The odd verses are sung/spoken by Women and Children. The even verses are sung/spoken by Men.

1. I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted;
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
2. The Lord is my strength and my refuge;
the Lord has become my Savior.
3. This is my God and I will praise him,
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
4. The Lord is a mighty warrior;
Yah-weh is his Name.
5. The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea;
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

6. The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them;
they sank into the depths like a stone.
7. Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might;
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
8. Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods?
Who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
9. You stretched forth your right hand;
the earth swallowed them up.
10. With your constant love you led the people you redeemed;
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
11. You will bring them in and plant them
on the mount of your possession,
12. The resting-place you have made for yourself,
O Lord, the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
13. The Lord shall reign for ever and for ever.

Assembly: I will sing to the Lord for he has risen up in might.

COLLECT

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

Assembly: Amen.

THE THIRD READING: 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, "Prophesy 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.

RESPONSE

PSALM 30 *EXALTABO TE, DOMINE*

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

COLLECT

Presider: Let us pray. (Silence) 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.

Assembly: Amen.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

Assembly: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GLORIA

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The assembly stands as the organ sounds.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: 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.

Assembly: Amen.

The people's candles are now extinguished. The assembly is seated for the Epistle.

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord

Assembly: Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

Descant

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 hea - ven - 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 hea - ven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:1-10

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

Assembly: 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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

A period of silence follows the sermon.

THE RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

All stand with the ministers.

The font is filled with water.

The presider and other ministers lead the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

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

Assembly: I do.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

Assembly: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Assembly: 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?

Assembly: 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?

Assembly: 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?

Assembly: I will, with God's help.

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

Assembly: I will, with God's help.

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

Assembly: 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?

Assembly: 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.

PEACE

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

Assembly: And also with you.

The people greet one another saying, "The peace of the Lord be with you," or similar words.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

The Assembly may be seated

The ushers now come forward with the gifts of Bread & Wine and then collect the people's gifts of treasures.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY: PRAISE THE GOD

Please stand and sing Hymn #380, verse 3 only, as the people's treasure is presented.

GREAT THANKSGIVING—Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.

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

Assembly: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a Proper Preface is said.*)

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 (S125)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People Kneel. 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***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 do 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Assembly: 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

The following litany accompanies the preparation of the Eucharistic Food and Drink.

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

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

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The presider invites the assembly to Communion saying:

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

Every member of the assembly is welcomed and encouraged to approach the Lord's Table.

Baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Those among us who are not baptized are welcome to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest as the presider approaches to signal that you wish to receive a blessing and not Holy Communion.

If you are receiving Holy Communion, please extend your hands to receive the Eucharistic Bread.

Guide the chalice to your lips to receive the Eucharistic Wine.

When the minister says, “The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven,” or “The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation,” please respond, “Amen,” before receiving.

Those who wish may receive Holy Communion by intinction. After receiving the Eucharistic Bread, hold it until the Eucharistic Minister offers you the Eucharistic Wine. Then, after saying, “Amen,” dip the Bread into the Wine.

After you have received the Sacrament or a blessing, please return to the congregational seating area.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

This song is located in the pew rack. Please join in sing verses 1, 2, refrain and 3.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: Eternal God,
Assembly: 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.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ to love and serve. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Assembly: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

CLOSING HYMN

THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE DONE

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Following the hymn and as the candles are extinguished all are invited to kneel for a moment of silence and prayer and reflection.

ORGAN POSTLUDE