

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## *Easter Triduum*



Maundy Thursday – March 28, 2024 at 7 PM

Good Friday – March 29, 2024 at 12 Noon

The Great Vigil of Easter – March 30, 2024 at 7 PM

### **PLEASE CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US – MARCH 31, 2024**

7 AM	Easter Eucharist at Sunrise
9:45 AM	Children Gather for Easter Egg Dash
10:15 AM	Festival Easter Eucharist with Flowering of the Cross and Children's Chapel
11:45 AM	Fellowship Time

### **ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**

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We seek to meet and serve Christ in all people and to glorify God in our words and our actions.*

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Voluntary:** Where True Charity and Love Abide

arr. Marilyn Biery

**Processional Hymn:** When Jesus left his Father's throne

Hymnal 480

**Opening Acclamation**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p.355

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

**Collect for Purity**

BCP, p.355

**Kyrie Eleison**

△ Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. △

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. △

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. △

△ *optional bells*

Music: Lisa Neufeld Thomas (b. 1947) from *Missa de Sancta Hildegard*; melody adapt. from a Kyrie by Hildegard of Bingen.  
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**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

## First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-4,11-14

*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. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Response

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

<sup>11</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.

<sup>13</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.

<sup>14</sup> O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>15</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

<sup>16</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,

<sup>17</sup> In the courts of the LORD'S house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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## Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*Lector* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

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.**

**Sequence Hymn:** Jesu, Jesu

*Please see facing page*

**The Gospel**

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

*Gospeler* 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. When he had gone out, 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."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# Sequence Hymn: Jesu, Jesu

*Lift Every Voice and Sing 74*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and  
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are  
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

**D.C.**

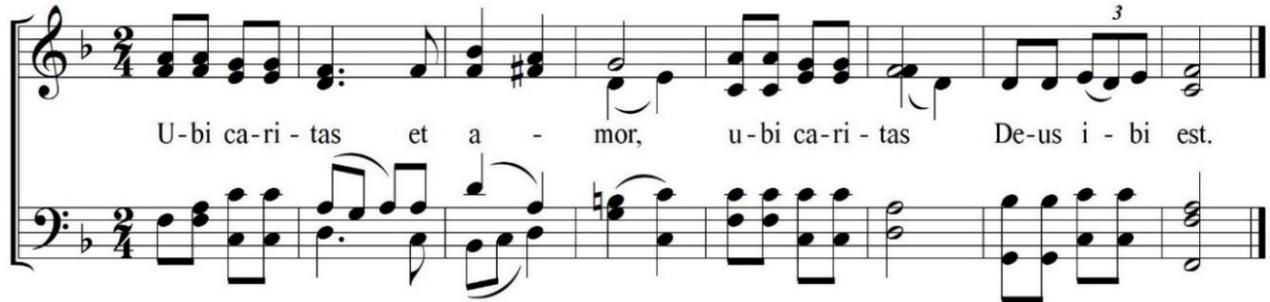
1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.  
 3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.  
 5. feet, this is the way we should live with you.

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**The Washing of Feet**

*During this time, you're invited to come forward to have your feet washed. You may also wish to remain and wash another person's feet as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples.*

Taizé



**The Prayers of the People, Form IV**

BCP, p. 388

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

BCP, p.360

**The Peace**

BCP, p.360

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

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

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**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Anthem: Ubi caritas**

Ola Gjeilo

*Translation: Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.*

**Presentation Hymn: Doxology**

Hymnal, 380, verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP, p. 361

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing...  
*Celebrant* ...who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord**

Hymnal S 130

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 Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 362 in the Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant* ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: BCP, p. 363  
*People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
*Celebrant* ...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
*People* **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP, p. 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP, p. 364

**Invitation and Communion**

**All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.**

**Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup?** *Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.*

**Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)?** *Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs by the baptismal font.*

**Where can I go to receive only the bread?** *Please come to either location and tell the server "only bread."*

**Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread?** *Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.*

**Where can I go to receive a blessing?** *Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.*

**How can I ask for communion to be brought to me?** *Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.*

## Communion Hymns:

One Bread, One Body  
Where charity and love prevail

*Please see facing page*  
Hymnal 581

## Post Communion Prayer

Common Prayer, The Church of England

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## Solemn Prayer over the People

*Celebrant* Bow down before the Lord.

*With the people kneeling, the Celebrant continues:*

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 lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Stripping of the Altar

**Psalm 22, *Deus, Deus meus***

BCP, p. 610

*The people depart in silence.*



*Refrain*



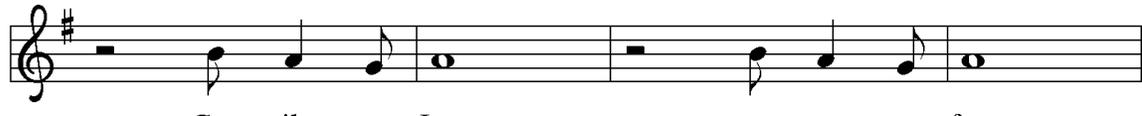
One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles - sing which we bless, and we, though man - y



through - out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

*Refrain*



wom - an or man, no more.  
 one in the Lord of all.  
 gath - ered to one for all.

**Serving This Evening**

Ushers Cheryl Cozzi and Frank Fee  
 Verger David Roten  
 Acolytes Callin Fee and Ryan Fee  
 Lectors Phyllis Vail and Julie Lowe  
 Lector, Intercessor, and Chalicist Julie Lowe  
 Livestream and Audio Volunteers Craig DeShong and Sam DeShong

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## GOOD FRIDAY

**Voluntary:** O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross

J.S. Bach

*Translation: O man, lament your great sin*

*The ministers enter in silence. All kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be our God.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 276

*People* **Forever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

### First Lesson

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

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

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

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

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

- <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- <sup>2</sup> **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.**
- <sup>3</sup> Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup> **Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- <sup>5</sup> They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup> **But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.**
- <sup>7</sup> All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- <sup>8</sup> **"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**
- <sup>9</sup> Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- <sup>10</sup> **I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**
- <sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.
- <sup>12</sup> **Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**
- <sup>13</sup> They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- <sup>14</sup> **I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**
- <sup>15</sup> 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.
- <sup>16</sup> **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.**
- <sup>17</sup> They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
- <sup>18</sup> **Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**
- <sup>19</sup> Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.
- <sup>20</sup> **Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**

- <sup>21</sup> I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- <sup>22</sup> **Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**
- <sup>23</sup> 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.
- <sup>24</sup> **My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
- <sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- <sup>26</sup> **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**
- <sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- <sup>28</sup> **To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**
- <sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- <sup>30</sup> **They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.**

## Second Lesson

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

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

## The Passion Gospel

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

*The people remain seated until noted below, and the customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

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

Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of

Nazareth.” Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.” This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, “I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.” Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?” So the soldiers, their officer, and the Judean 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 Judeans 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 Judeans 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 Judeans 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 Judeans. 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 Judeans 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 Judeans 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 Judeans 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 Judeans, "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."

*At the mention of The Place of the Skull, all rise in body or in spirit.*

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. 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 Judeans 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 Judeans 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 Judeans 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 Judeans, 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 Judeans. 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.

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Nancy Allison

## **Silence**

### **The Solemn Collects**

BCP, p. 277

### **Hymn:** O sacred head, sore wounded

Hymnal 168

### **The Veneration of the Cross**

BCP, p. 281

*In silence, a wooden cross is brought into the church  
and placed in the sight of the people.*

### **Hymn:** Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Hymnal 172

*You may wish to remain in your pew in silence and prayer as you contemplate the cross.  
You may wish to come to the cross to make a gesture of silently entrusting to Christ all of  
your burdens, as well as the suffering and burdens of the whole human family.  
Gestures might include kissing the cross, touching the cross with your forehead,  
or laying your hand upon the cross.*

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

### **The Closing Prayer**

BCP, p. 282

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

**Amen.**

*Stay and pray as you wish. When you go, go in peace.*

## **Serving This Afternoon**

Ushers Peg Dorer and Duke Fentress

Lector Jennifer Tlusty

Livestream and Sound Ed Sharp and Sam DeShong



## **The Great Vigil of Easter**

*On this day, the people gather outside on the front porch of the church*

### **The Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 285

*Celebrant* 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.

Let us pray.

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

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Celebrant bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying*

*Celebrant* The light of Christ.

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

*Deacon* 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, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

*Deacon* 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 for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

And God stepped out on space,  
And he looked around and said:  
I'm lonely— I'll make me a world.

And far as the eye of God could see  
Darkness covered everything,  
Blacker than a hundred midnights  
Down in a cypress swamp.

Then God smiled,  
And the light broke,  
And the darkness rolled up on one side,  
And the light stood shining on the other,  
And God said: That's good!

Then God reached out and took the light in  
his hands,  
And God rolled the light around in his hands  
Until he made the sun;  
And he set that sun a-blazing in the heavens.  
And the light that was left from making the  
sun

God gathered it up in a shining ball  
And flung it against the darkness,  
Spangling the night with the moon and stars.  
Then down between  
The darkness and the light  
He hurled the world;  
And God said: That's good!

Then God himself stepped down—  
And the sun was on his right hand,  
And the moon was on his left;  
The stars were clustered about his head,  
And the earth was under his feet.  
And God walked, and where he trod  
His footsteps hollowed the valleys out  
And bulged the mountains up.

Then he stopped and looked and saw  
That the earth was hot and barren.  
So God stepped over to the edge of the world  
And he spat out the seven seas—  
He batted his eyes, and the lightnings  
flashed—  
He clapped his hands, and the thunders

### “The Creation” by James Weldon Johnson

rolled—  
And the waters above the earth came down,  
The cooling waters came down.

Then the green grass sprouted,  
And the little red flowers blossomed,  
The pine tree pointed his finger to the sky,  
And the oak spread out his arms,  
The lakes cuddled down in the hollows of the  
ground,  
And the rivers ran down to the sea;  
And God smiled again,  
And the rainbow appeared,  
And curled itself around his shoulder.

Then God raised his arm and he waved his  
hand  
Over the sea and over the land,  
And he said: Bring forth! Bring forth!  
And quicker than God could drop his hand,  
Fishes and fowls  
And beasts and birds  
Swam the rivers and the seas,  
Roamed the forests and the woods,  
And split the air with their wings.  
And God said: That's good!

Then God walked around,  
And God looked around  
On all that he had made.  
He looked at his sun,  
And he looked at his moon,  
And he looked at his little stars;  
He looked on his world  
With all its living things,  
And God said: I'm lonely still.

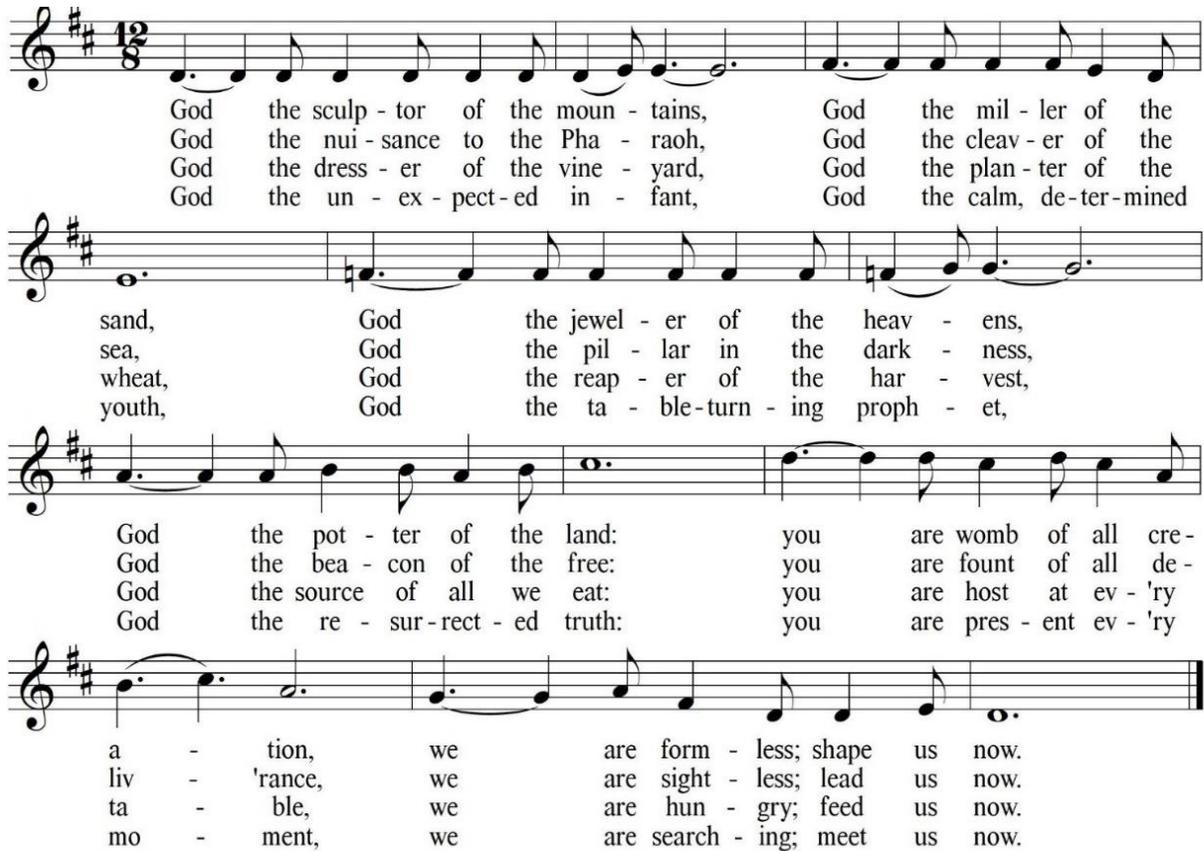
Then God sat down—  
On the side of a hill where he could think;  
By a deep, wide river he sat down;  
With his head in his hands,  
God thought and thought,  
Till he thought: I'll make me a man!  
Up from the bed of the river  
God scooped the clay;

And by the bank of the river  
 He kneeled him down;  
 And there the great God Almighty  
 Who lit the sun and fixed it in the sky,  
 Who flung the stars to the most far corner of  
 the night,  
 Who rounded the earth in the middle of his  
 hand;  
 This great God,

Like a mammy bending over her baby,  
 Kneeled down in the dust  
 Toiling over a lump of clay  
 Till he shaped it in is his own image;  
 Then into it he blew the breath of life,  
 And man became a living soul.  
 Amen. Amen.

**Hymn:** God the sculptor of the mountains

John Thornburg & Amanda Husberg



God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the mil - ler of the  
 God the nui - sance to the Pha - raoh, God the cleav - er of the  
 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the plan - ter of the  
 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the calm, de - ter - mined  
 sand, God the jew - el - er of the heav - ens,  
 sea, God the pil - lar in the dark - ness,  
 wheat, God the reap - er of the har - vest,  
 youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing proph - et,  
 God the pot - ter of the land: you are womb of all cre -  
 God the bea - con of the free: you are fount of all de -  
 God the source of all we eat: you are host at ev - 'ry  
 God the re - sur - rect - ed truth: you are pres - ent ev - 'ry  
 a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.  
 liv - 'rance, we are sight - less; lead us now.  
 ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.  
 mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now.

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

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

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

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

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

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

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

# Hymn: Wade in the water

*Refrain*  
All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,  
wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader All

1 See that host all dressed in white,  
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the  
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?  
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader

wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.  
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.  
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.  
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All *Refrain*

God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

### Third Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that  
which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not  
satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting  
covenant, my steadfast, sure love for  
David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not  
know, and nations that do not know you  
shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One  
of Israel, for he has glorified you.

**Hymn:** Surely it is God who saves me

Hymnal 679

### Fourth Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

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

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

**Hymn: Spirit of the living God**

Daniel Iverson

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me, Spir - it of the  
 liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, Fill me,  
 use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP, p. 294

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

**Glory to God**

*Please see the following page*

*The clergy now pass through the sanctuary and practice "aspersion," an ancient ritual wherein holy water is lightly sprinkled on the congregation to remind them of their baptism.*

# Glory to God

*Lift Every Voice and Sing 243*

Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,  
Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to His peo - ple on earth. Lord God,  
heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for — your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu — jah, Lord we  
praise your ho - ly name, Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we  
praise your Ho - ly name. — You take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on  
us, You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For  
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are — the Lord, You a - lone are the  
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of — the Fa -  
- ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,  
— Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.  
A - - - - - men.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

## Epistle Lesson

**Romans 6:3-11**

*Lector* A reading from Paul's 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 Response *(Read responsively by whole verse)*

**Psalms 114, *In exitu Israel***

- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
**the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,**
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
**and Israel his dominion.**
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
**Jordan turned and went back.**
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
**and the little hills like young sheep.**
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
**O Jordan, that you turned back?**
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
**you little hills like young sheep?**
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
**at the presence of the God of Jacob,**
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
**and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

## Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

### The Gospel

**Mark 16:1-8**

*Gospeler* 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.

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### The Sermon

The Rev. Hershey Mallette Stephens

### The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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### The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor* In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.  
Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor* Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor* Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Enlighten Sam and Jennifer our bishops and all your ministers with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.  
*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**  
 Intercessor Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.  
*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**  
 Intercessor Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.  
*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**  
 Intercessor Strengthen those who stand, comfort and help the faint-hearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.  
*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**  
 Intercessor Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.  
*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**  
 Intercessor Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.  
*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**  
 Intercessor Give us the will to use the fruits of the earth to your glory, and for the good of all creation.  
*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**  
 Intercessor Bless and keep all your people.  
*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**  
 Intercessor Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**  
 Intercessor Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**  
 Intercessor Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**  
 Intercessor Show your pity on prisoners and refugees, and all who are in trouble.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**  
 Intercessor Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**  
 Intercessor Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: have compassion on our weakness, and give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

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

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **This Evening's Altar Flowers**

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## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Hymn:** Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Hymnal 178

**Presentation Hymn:** Doxology

Hymnal 380, verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus:** Holy, holy, holy Lord

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.  
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 Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 371*

*Celebrant* ...Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* ...make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant* ...your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*People* **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover**

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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**Invitation and Communion**

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**All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.**

**Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup?** *Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.*

**Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)?** *Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs by the baptismal font.*

**Where can I go to receive only the bread?** *Please come to either location and tell the server “only bread.”*

**Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread?** *Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.*

**Where can I go to receive a blessing?** *Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.*

**How can I ask for communion to be brought to me?** *Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.*

**Communion Hymns:**

Blessed assurance

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I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

**Post Communion Prayer**

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*All* **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.**

**Blessing**

*Celebrant* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**People** Amen.

**Closing Hymn:** Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

*Please see the back page*

Deacon Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Voluntary

Hymn: Blessed Assurance



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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Verger David Roten

Acolytes Ed Gavin and Michael Springston

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Intercessor and Chalice Dan Harris

Livestream and Sound Craig DeShong and Sam DeShong

## Alleluia! Jesus is risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent;  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

### *Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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