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# ST. LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## HOLY WEEK 2026

*In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome! We are blessed by your presence which helps us to more fully gather as the beloved community of God.*

*Holy Week is the most sacred of all times in the Christian faith, and much of our theology is derived from its events. We remain in the season of Lent, though the color for this week is a deep red, symbolizing the blood of the Lamb of God. This week covers the gamut of experience and emotion. We begin with the expectant hopes of Palm Sunday and witness Jesus' confrontation with the authorities. As we enter the Triduum, we recall both the love and betrayal of Maundy Thursday which moves into the pain and suffering of Good Friday. We pause to remember the profound silence of Holy Saturday before proclaiming the power, amazement, and glory of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil.*

*We are providing a bulletin that spans all these liturgies for two reasons. The first is that Holy Week is one unfolding drama, and this bulletin conveys this as one unified story. Secondly, the bulletin is yours to take with you (and bring back throughout the week). Take notes in your bulletin. Use it at home and reread the Scripture and the prayers. If you cannot attend all of the liturgies, use this bulletin to pray the Collects and read the lessons. Holy Week is a time for Christians to spend time in prayer and worship, as participating in this drama allows us to enter into the wondrous mystery of our salvation.*



*Through the Palms*  
by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

**PALM SUNDAY**  
MARCH 29 + 10:30 AM

**THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS**

*Begins at the corner of Main and Council Streets. We receive and bless palms to wave in procession as the crowd did when Jesus entered Jerusalem. The liturgy begins on page 270 of The Book of Common Prayer.*

*Celebrant:* Blessed is the King who cometh in the name of the Lord.

*People:* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE Gospel**

**Matthew 21:1-11**

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

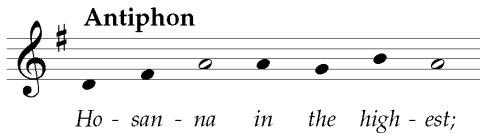
Celebrant: It is right to praise thee, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord....in glory with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace. People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**PSALM IN PROCESSION 118:1-2, 19-29** *After each verse, sung by the choir, all are invited to sing:*



**ANTHEM**

Hosanna filio David

*St. Luke's Choristers*

*Hosanna to the Son of David;*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

**COLLECT AT WEST FRONT DOOR**

*Book of Common Prayer, 272*

**HYMN #154** All glory laud and honor *Sung by all.*

*Hymnal 1982*

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*BCP 319*

People: **His mercy endureth forever.**

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *Please kneel, as able.*

*BCP 320*

Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

**ABSOLUTION**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT *Please be seated.*

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens~ wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALM 31:9-16 *Chanted by choir*

Chant, Matthew Camidge

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \* my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \* my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \* when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \* I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; \* they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \* I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; \* rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \* and in your loving-kindness save me."

## THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death--

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

*With solemnity*

1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -  
 2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride  
 3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel ar - mies

san - na cry; Thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road  
 on to die: O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin  
 of the sky Look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes

With palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed.  
 O'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.  
 To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice. A - men.

4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
 Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
 The Father on his sapphire throne  
 Expects his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
 In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
 Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
 Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

*Deacon:* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha all stand.*

**Matthew 26:14-27:66**

*See pew Bible, New Testament, pp. 23-26*

## THE SERMON

*Please be seated.*

The Rt. Rev'd William O. Gregg, Ph.D.

*VI Bishop of Eastern Oregon, res.*

*Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, ret.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand.*

BCP 326

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please remain standing, or kneel.*

*Deacon:* Our Lord comes to us humbly, riding a donkey and proclaiming a message of peace. Let us pray in his name, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* That all the ends of the earth know the peace of the reign of God, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all leaders, of the Church and of nations, prefer humble service to empty power, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those follow in the way of the Cross draw strength from the name that is above every other name, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we who hope to greet Jesus when he comes again be ready and joyful, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That healing comes those who suffer, especially Reg, Danny, Charlie, Molly, Barbara, Tricia, and Debbie; and that those who have died receive rest, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our liturgies and prayers this Holy Week draw us more deeply into the love that drove Jesus to his Passion and raised him from the grave, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* God our creator, you show your children the way to freedom through the faithful obedience of your Son Jesus Christ: grant our petitions as we seek to follow him. We pray in his name, Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR THE CALLING OF OUR NEXT RECTOR

**Gracious and loving God, who calls faithful leaders and has blessed St. Luke's with gifts of love, compassion, diversity, fellowship, inspiring liturgy, and historic spaces within which**

to worship: Send your Holy Spirit to guide us in our discernment as we seek the one you are calling to be our next rector. Continue to form us through intentional worship, empower our efforts in becoming your beloved community, and keep your abundant grace always before us. In the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

## A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

BCP 820

**THE PEACE** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* **And with thy spirit.**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Please be seated.*

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS** *Prayed by all.*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Gifts to support the ministries of St. Luke's may be placed in the Offering Plate or at [www.SLS.church/give](http://www.SLS.church/give)*

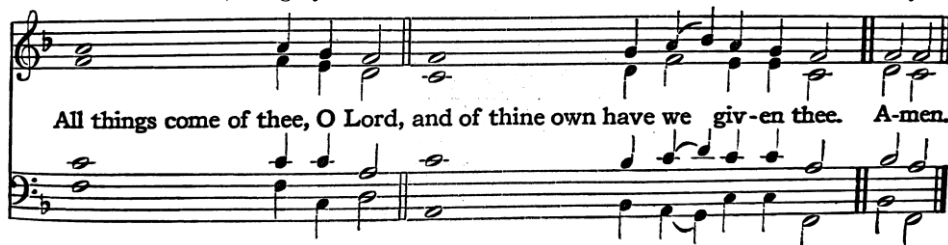
**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Kyrie from Messe Solennelle

Louis Vierne

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy*

**DOXOLOGY** *Please stand, sung by all.*

*Hymnal 1940*



All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we giv-en thee. A-men.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

BCP 333

**SANCTUS** Holy, holy, holy *Sung by choir.* Missa brevis II

Denis Bédard

*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.*

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

*All:* **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**

**FRACTION ANTHEM** *Sung by choir.* Missa brevis II

Denis Bédard

*O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
O Lamb of God, grant us peace.*

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

*Prayed by all.*

BCP 337

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*The Eucharist is the central act of Christian worship. All baptized persons are most welcome to receive Communion with us, regardless of the tradition you were baptized. If you do not wish to receive Communion or if you are not baptized, you are invited to come to the Altar for a blessing. To indicate that you want a blessing, place your arms across your heart.*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Hymn #104    A stable lamp is lighted    *Sung by all.*  
Choir        Dare to Call it Good

*Hymnal 1982*  
Lee Dengler

*How shallow former shadows seem beside this great reverse,  
as darkness swallows up the light of all the universe. Creation  
shivers at the shock, the temple rends its veil. A pallid stillness  
stifles time and nature's motions fail.*

*This is no midday fantasy, no flight of fevered brain. With vengeance  
awful, grim, and real, chaos is come again. The hands that formed  
us from the soil are nailed upon the cross. The Word that gave us  
life and breath expires in total loss.*

*Yet deep within this darkness lives a Love so fierce and free,  
that arcs all voids and risk supreme! embraces agony. Its  
perfect testament is etched in iron, blood, and wood. With  
awe we glimpse its true import and dare to call it good.*

*(Words by Carl P. Daw, Jr.)*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER    *Please kneel, as able.*

*BCP 339*

*Celebrant:*    Let us pray.

*All:*            **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*In Lent, in place of a blessing the Celebrant offers a solemn prayer on the people's behalf asking for God's strength, guidance, and grace. The People respond with "Amen."*

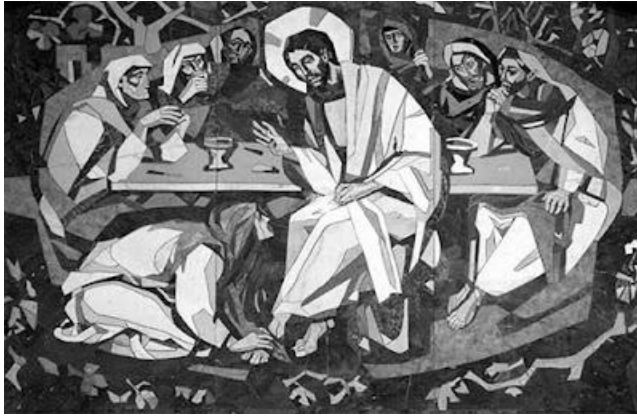
## HYMN IN PROCESSION

#474 *When I survey the wondrous cross*    *Standing, sung by all.*

*Hymnal 1982*



HOLY MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 30, 31 AND APRIL 1 + 7:00 PM



*Image from Basilica of the Annunciation, Nazareth*

THE WORD OF GOD

**SALUTATION** *Please stand at the entrance of the clergy.*

*Book of Common Prayer, 351*

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endureth forever.**

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *Said by all. Please kneel, as able.*

*BCP 352*

**TRISAGION**

*BCP 356*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

***Monday:*** Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Tuesday:** O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Wednesday:** Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**    *Please be seated.*

**Monday, Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**Tuesday, Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of

Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

**Wednesday, Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**THE PSALM** *Said by all.*

Monday, 36:5-11

*BCP 632*

Tuesday, 71:1-14

*BCP 683*

Wednesday, 70

*BCP 682*

**THE EPISTLE**

**Monday, Hebrews 9:11-15**

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

## Tuesday, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

## Wednesday, Hebrews 12:1-3

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL *Please stand.*

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

*People:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

### **Monday, John 12:1-11**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"

(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

### **Tuesday, John 12:20-36**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say- `Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**THE OFFERTORY** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People:* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

BCP 367

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

BCP 336

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP 365

**THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE** *The People respond with "Amen."*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord.

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

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**Serving at these Liturgies:** *Ushers:* Hank Newman, Stewart Ash, Pennie Martin; *Chalicians:* George Simons, Lee Piper, Cathy Green

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
APRIL 2 + 7:00 PM



*Drifting Seeds*  
by Lauren Wright Pittman

THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY    The Celestial Banquet    Olivier Messiaen

HYMN IN PROCESSION

#304 I come with joy to meet my Lord    *Please stand, sung by all.*    Hymnal 1982

Celebrant:    Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.    *Book of Common Prayer, 351*  
People:    **His mercy endures forever.**

CONFESSION OF SIN    *Please kneel, as able.*    BCP 352

KYRIE    Missa brevis II    *Remain kneeling, as able.*    Denis Bédard  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ABSOLUTION

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

**THE OLD TESTAMENT**    *Please be seated.*

**Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

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

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 116:1, 10-17**    *Chanted by choir.*

Tone VIII.1

**THE EPISTLE**

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

GRADUAL HYMN An Upper Room did our Lord prepare *Please stand.*



1 An Upper Room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end: and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their Risen Friend.

2 A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup. Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his Cross shall lift us up.

3 And after Supper he washed their feet, for service, too, is sacrament. In him our joy shall be made complete; sent out to serve, as he was sent.

4 No end there is! We depart in peace. He loves beyond the uttermost: in every room in our Father's house he will be there, as Lord and Host.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

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

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

*People:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to

wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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

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

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**      *Please be seated.*

The Rt. Rev'd William O. Gregg, Ph.D.

**THE NICENE CREED**      *Please stand.*

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**      *Please kneel, or remain standing.*

*Deacon:* We gather as the household of God to pray for the Church and all humankind, saying: Come, Lord Jesus.

For refugees, for the homeless, and for all who have nowhere to lay their head, we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

For the gift of the Lord's Supper, we give thanks; that this sacred meal comfort us in faith and nourish us for service in the world, we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

For the body of Christ fractured in a world of violence and war, we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

For those who betray, and for those whom they betray, we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

For ourselves, who gather to celebrate the Lord's Passover in the bread we eat and the cup we drink, we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, we recall the wonders you worked for our ancestors in faith, and we marvel at the love shown to us by Jesus. Hear us as we pray in his name. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE** *Please stand.*

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

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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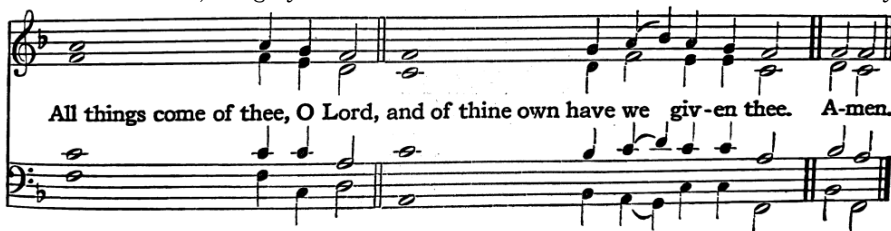
**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *Please be seated.* Ubi Caritas Ola Gjeilo

*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.*

*-8th century Latin text*

**DOXOLOGY** *Please stand, sung by all.*

*Hymnal 1940*



All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we giv-en thee. A-men.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D**

*BCP 372*

**SANCTUS** Holy, holy, holy *Sung by choir.* Missa brevis II

*Denis Bédard*

*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 LORD'S PRAYER**

*BCP 336*

**FRACTION ANTHEM**    *Sung by choir.*    Missa brevis II

Denis Bédard

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

O Lamb of God, grant us peace.

*The Eucharist is the central act of Christian worship. All baptized persons are most welcome to receive Communion with us, regardless of the tradition you were baptized. If you do not wish to receive Communion or if you are not baptized, you are invited to come to the Altar for a blessing. To indicate that you want a blessing, place your arms across your heart.*

**HYMN AT COMMUNION**    *Sung by choir.*    When Jesus Wept (Hymn 175)    William Billings

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**    *Please kneel.*

BCP 339

**PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE**    Hymn #731 from *Wonder, Love & Praise*

1. Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing  
2. The myst' - ry hid from ag - es past is here re -  
3. Christ lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and  
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry  
ev - ery knee shall bend and ev - ery tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.  
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.  
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the lyrics with a double bar line.

Words: Delores Dufner, OSB (b. 1939). Music: *Grace Church*, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Tunes for Grace*.

The clergy take the remaining Blessed Sacrament to the Chapel for the Altar of Repose in the Chapel. You are invited to contemplate the significance of this emptiness in the time between the removal of the Sacrament and the Stripping of the Altar. This Altar of Repose becomes the place for the Prayer Vigil, which lasts all night. Jesus asks his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane “Could you not stay awake with me one hour?” (Matthew 26:40). There is a sign-up sheet to take part in this vigil in the Chapel (slots are for 1 hour). More than one person can be on a “shift” at the same time. The Prayer Vigil will last from the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service until the start of Stations of the Cross at 8am on Good Friday. Even if you cannot come back for another hour tonight, you are welcome to go to the Chapel before going home this evening to spend a few moments in prayerful presence with our Lord.

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22      Chanted by choir.

BCP 610

The act of removing all adornment from the Sanctuary is a liturgical commentary on the betrayal, arrest, and denial of Jesus by his disciples. It is also a time to consider our own failings in the assurance that all that Christ will endure over the next day is done for us and for our salvation. Just as Jesus was crucified outside of the city walls, all signs of beauty and dignity are removed from our worship space as we prepare for the stark darkness of Good Friday. After all items have been removed, the altar is washed to symbolize the anointing of Jesus’ body and the cleansing effect of his sacrifice. The crucifix is then placed on the altar, thereby making the link between Jesus’ death and the Eucharist that is celebrated there abundantly clear. It is Good Friday. It is dark. The shadow of death enfolds us. We depart in silence.

*You are invited to remain in silence for a few moments before departing.*

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**Serving Tonight:** Ushers: Brian Whitson, Trevor Eppheimer; Chaliceists: Chip Carter, Kathy Carter

## GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3 + 12:00 PM

*Please stand at the entrance of the clergy, then all kneel, as able, in silence.*

*Celebrant:* Blessed be our God.

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



*A Choice*

by Lauren Wright Pittman

**COLLECT OF THE DAY** *Book of Common Prayer, 169*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT** *Please be seated.*

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

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him ~so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals~ so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my

people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

**PSALM 22**

*Said by all.*

BCP 610

**THE EPISTLE**

Hebrews 10:16-25

The Holy Spirit testifies saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

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

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

John 18:1-19:42

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

*Remain seated. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha all stand.*

THE SERMON      *Please be seated.*      The Rt. Rev'd William O. Gregg, Ph.D.

HYMN #166 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle      *Please stand, sung by all.*      Hymnal 1982

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS & ANTHEMS      *Please kneel, as able.*      BCP 277

HYMN #168 O sacred head, sore wounded      *Sung kneeling.*      Hymnal 1982

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION      BCP 360

THE LORD'S PRAYER      BCP 54

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

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

THE CONCLUDING PRAYER      BCP 282

*At the conclusion of the liturgy, you are invited to remain in silence.*

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Serving Today: Pennie Roemer, lector

# HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 4 + 10:00 AM

The Myrrh Bearers,  
Sadoa Watanabe

*Please stand at the entrance of the clergy.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 170

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of thy dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



## THE OLD TESTAMENT *Please be seated.*

**Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24**

I am one who has seen affliction under the rod of God's wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; against me alone he turns his hand, again and again, all day long. He has made my flesh and my skin waste away, and broken my bones; he has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me sit in darkness like the dead of long ago. He has walled me about so that I cannot escape; he has put heavy chains on me; though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer; he has blocked my ways with hewn stones, he has made my paths crooked. The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

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

## PSALM 31:1-4, 15-16

BCP 622

## THE EPISTLE

**1 Peter 4:1-8**

Since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. But they will have to give an accounting to him who

stands ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does.

The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

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

**THE GOSPEL**     *Please stand.*

**Matthew 27:57-66**

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

**THE SERMON**     *Please be seated.*

The Rt. Rev'd William O. Gregg, Ph.D.

**ANTHEM**     *Please stand.*     "In the midst of life we are in death"     *BCP 484*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**     *BCP 54*

**THE GRACE**

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THE GREAT VIGIL OF  
EASTER, HOLY BAPTISM  
AND THE FIRST MASS OF  
EASTER

APRIL 4 + 8:00 PM



*Arisen*

by Hannah Garrity

*The liturgy begins in the Columbarium after sunset.*

**THE LIGHTING OF THE EASTER FIRE**

*The Book of Common Prayer, 285*

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night... **Amen.**

**ANTHEM** O gracious Light Chanted by choir.

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the glory of the Eighth day, and our eyes behold the Vigil light, we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

**BLESSING THE EASTER FIRE**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: O God, who through thy Son... through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

*At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.*

## THE EXSULTET S-69

Remain standing, as able.

BCP 286

*Deacon* *People*

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

*Deacon*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And al - so with you.

*Deacon*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Deacon* *People*

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE COLLECT

BCP 288

Please be seated for the lessons, stand for the hymns or psalms, and remain standing for the Collects. Be seated at the "Amen" after each Collect.

### THE FIRST LESSON

The Creation

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Hymn #389 Let us, with a gladsome mind

Hymnal 1982

The Collect

### THE SECOND LESSON

The Flood

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

Psalm 46 *Sung by the choir.*

Chant, Martin Luther

The Collect

**THE THIRD LESSON**

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

**Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21**

S-208 The Song of Moses *Sung by all. (omit Gloria Patri)*

*Hymnal 1982*

The Collect

**THE FOURTH LESSON**

Salvation Freely Offered to All

**Isaiah 55:1-11**

S-213 The First Song of Isaiah *Sung by all. (omit Gloria Patri)*

*Hymnal 1982*

The Collect

**THE FIFTH LESSON**

Learn Wisdom and Live

**Proverbs 8:1-8,19-21;9:4b-6**

Hymn #413 New songs of celebration render

*Hymnal 1982*

The Collect

**THE SIXTH LESSON**

A New Heart and a New Spirit

**Ezekial 36:24-28**

Hymn #511 Holy Spirit, ever living

*Hymnal 1982*

The Collect

**THE SEVENTH LESSON**

The Valley of Dry Bones

**Ezekial 37:1-14**

Hymn #508 Breathe on me, breath of God

*Hymnal 1982*

The Collect

**THE EIGHTH LESSON**

The Gathering of God's People

**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

Psalm 98 *Sung by the choir.*

Chant, Thomas Norris

The Collect

**THE NINTH LESSON**

God's Presence in a Renewed Israel

**Isaiah 4:2-6**

Hymn # 704 O thou who camest from above

*Hymnal 1982*

The Collect

**THE SERMON**

*Please be seated.*

The Rt. Rev'd William O. Gregg, Ph.D.

## HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates	BCP 301
The Baptismal Covenant	BCP 304
Prayers for the Candidates	BCP 305
Procession to the Font, Hymn #296	
Thanksgiving over the Water	BCP 307
The Baptism	
Post Baptismal Collect	
Chrismation	
The Welcome of the Newly Baptized	
Procession from the Font with Asperges	
Alleluia Refrain #711	Hymnal 1982

## THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

*Please use bells, noise makers, or keys to add to the joyful noise of anticipating the Easter proclamation. The noise is intended to mimic that of earthquake at the tomb.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

PASCHA NOSTRUM S-19 *Sung by all.*

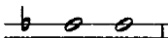
Hymnal 1982

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you.      *And with thy spirit.*      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.



**A - men.**

**THE EPISTLE**      *Please be seated.*

**Romans 6:3-11**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as

Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**THE GRADUAL HYMN** *Please stand, sung by all.*

#296 We know that Christ is raised

*Hymnal 1982*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 24:1-12**

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

*People:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE ALLELUIA RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please remain standing.*

*Deacon:* Our Lord lives, for death has no more power over him. And so we, God's holy Church, proclaim the Resurrection, saying: Alleluia, the Lord is risen.

*Intercessor:* Created in the image and likeness of God, we pray to see God's image in one another. May our lives proclaim: **Alleluia, the Lord is risen.**

Tested in our faith and strengthened by God's love, we pray for open hearts, that we may live to proclaim: **Alleluia, the Lord is risen.**

Liberated from Sin and Death by water and Spirit, we pray for the grace to share the Good News so that all creation may proclaim: **Alleluia, the Lord is risen.**

Sharing in the joy of those baptized this night around the world, we pray for their growth unto the full stature of Christ, that they may proclaim: **Alleluia, the Lord is risen.**

Joining with those who share in the Passion of Christ through illness, famine, war, temptation, and trial, especially Reg, Danny, Charlie, Molly, Barbara, Tricia, and Debbie, we pray for their courage and strength, that those who suffer may proclaim: **Alleluia, the Lord is risen.**

United in our hope that we and all who die will live again, we pray for family and friends who have died as we proclaim: **Alleluia, the Lord is risen.**

*Celebrant:* Living God, you have glorified your Son Jesus Christ as the pledge of our freedom from Sin and Death, receive our praise and prayer through Christ our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR THE CALLING OF OUR NEXT RECTOR

Gracious and loving God, who calls faithful leaders and has blessed St. Luke's with gifts of love, compassion, diversity, fellowship, inspiring liturgy, and historic spaces within which to worship: Send your Holy Spirit to guide us in our discernment as we seek the one you are calling to be our next rector. Continue to form us through intentional worship, empower our efforts in becoming your beloved community, and keep your abundant grace always before us. In the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

## PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

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## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* **And with thy spirit.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

## THE EASTER COMMUNION

*Gifts to support the ministries of St. Luke's may be placed in the Offering Plate or at [www.SLS.church/give](http://www.SLS.church/give)*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O sons and daughters  
(Text is found at Hymn #206)

H. Walford Davies

DOXOLOGY #400.7 *Sung by all, standing.*

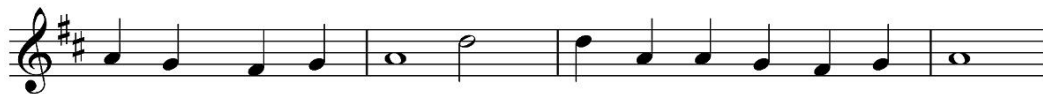
*Hymnal 1982*



Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-



ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu ia! Praise God the



Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O - praise him, O - praise him, Al - le -



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



## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

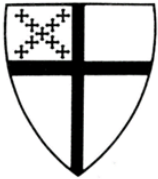
*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**VOLUNTARY** Jesus lives! thy terrors now (*St. Albinus*)

Robert Powell

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