

Holy Week The holiest week of the Christian year has begun for us at St. Mary's. We have waved our branches and shouted Hosanna as Jesus enters Jerusalem. We hail him as King and hope that he will shine his glory upon us. As we walk alongside Jesus, he invites us to share a meal, but first he kneels before us and washes our feet. By this sign we have been given the great mandatum, mandate, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." It is a night of remembrance when the Passover meal becomes the Paschal feast. It is also the night of Jesus' betrayal. When he is arrested by the authorities and handed over to death, death on a cross. Suddenly the voice of the crowd changes from Hosanna to crucify him and the road becomes the *via dolorosa*, the sorrowful way. It is here, stunned in silence, that the cross becomes the *via salutis*, the way of salvation. Numbed by the horror of crucifixion, we sit in darkness and we wait. Slowly but surely the light of Christ forges itself through the door of our heart. Even though the darkness remains, in the heat and light of this new fire we remember. We tell the story of our ancestors in exile, we dream of home, the stone of the tomb is rolled away and we are filled with new life. We will adapt some of the resources from our Cathedral in Garden City, which they have created to observe Holy Week with their congregation on Zoom.

Creating a sacred space

In this time of social isolation, we are called to realize more clearly what has always been true. That is that our homes are extensions of the visible and "focused" sacred consecrated space in our sanctuary at St. Mary's and *vice versa*. Though it might be something new for many of you I invite you during these holy days to make a sacred space in your home. As I said in our prayer gathering Sunday morning, we have long known that it is helpful for kids to have a designated study/homework space in the home where all they do is study and homework. It sets the tone for them and unconsciously put them in the mode for study and work. The same has been true in many traditions when it comes to a sacred space for prayer in the home. In Christian Eastern Orthodox tradition it's the icon corner where a shelf in the corner of one of the rooms holds the family icons. This sacred space can simply be the dining table, a coffee table, or in the middle of your living room floor, on the porch or in the bedroom. Decorate it in whatever way you would like, with a cloth, an open Bible, a cross, an icon, a candle, and maybe some branches. As we celebrate each day of Holy Week, you will be asked to prepare this sacred space before we begin the liturgy. We will try to utilize the powerful symbols of this week to experience and pray in the way of our Anglican tradition these holy days. It might feel a little strange to some of you to do these things, and don't feel you have to or are expected to. They are here as suggestions to help us enter more deeply into these cyber experiences as a group.



PREPARATION

As we prepare for this evening's celebration of Maundy Thursday we invite you to place a bowl with warm soapy water and a towel at your Sacred Space. Perhaps have it near the device you are using to access the service.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

THE COLLECT

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray oly God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. People Amen.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:1 - 4, 11 - 14

Lector A reading from 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 GOSPEL

John 13:1 - 17, 31b - 35

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

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. "Now the Son of Man has now 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."

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

THE WASHING OF HANDS

Presider: My brothers and sisters in Christ, on the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. In these days hand washing has assumed an important place in all our lives. I now invite you to wash your hands in the bowl placed in your sacred space as a sign that we are all called to be servants.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider: United with Christians around the globe on this Maundy Thursday, let us pray for the church, the earth, our troubled world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Intercessor Blessed are you, holy God, for the church. Gather all the baptized around your presence in the Word. Strengthen the body of your people even when we cannot assemble for worship. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God, for our nation. Inspire all people to live in peace and concord. Grant wisdom and courage to heads of state and to legislators as they face the coronavirus. Lead our elected officials to champion the cause of the needy. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, faithful God, for you accompany suffering humanity with love. Abide wherever the coronavirus has struck. Visit all who mourn their dead; all who have contracted the virus; those who are quarantined or stranded away from home; those who have lost their employment; those who fear the present and the future. Support physicians, nurses, home health aides and medical researchers. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, for you care for the needy. We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, loving God, that your Son knelt before us, your unworthy servants. Preserve our lives, comfort our anxiety, and receive now the petitions of our hearts. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

Presider: Gathering our prayers and our praises into one, we are bold to say:

People **Our Father, who art in heaven**

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Presider: O God of the crucified and risen One, from whom no trial or trouble can separate us: you feed us with your Word and soothe us with your Spirit, closer to us than breath itself. Make us glad this night for the life of your servant Jesus; Make us servants of all for the sake of Jesus; who for our sake gave his life for the salvation of all. In the Name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. People Amen.

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



Good Friday The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

PREPARATION On this Good Friday your Sacred Space should be empty. Later in the Liturgy you will be asked to place a cross, a crucifix or an image of the Crucifixion in your Sacred Space.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION Presider Blessed be our God,

People **For ever and ever.**

THE COLLECT

Presider Let us pray: From the throne of grace, O God of mercy, at the hour your Son gave himself to death, hear the devout prayer of your people. As he is lifted high upon the cross, draw into his exalted life all who are reborn in the blood and water flowing from his opened side. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Passover and our peace, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. People **Amen.**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO JOHN

(see attached page)

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

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

People **Let us pray for the holy catholic Church of Christ throughout the world; for all those who meet in homes on these holy days, for those isolated due to illness or age that all your people might be one.**

Silence

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

People **Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those to whom their care is entrusted, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth and live in peace and concord.**

Silence

Presider Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

People **Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind; For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed. For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled. For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish. For those who face temptation, doubt, selfishness, and despair. For the sorrowful and bereaved. For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger. May God in mercy comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.**

Silence

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

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

Silence

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

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Presider We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Presider As we pray together this ancient sequence, I invite you to place a cross or crucifix or image in your Sacred Space.

**THE Royal Banners forward go;
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow;
Where He in flesh, our flesh Who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid. *****

**Fulfill'd is all that David told
In true Prophetic song of old;
Amidst the nations GOD, saith he,
Hath reign'd and triumph'd from the Tree. *****

**O Tree of Beauty! Tree of Light!
O Tree with royal purple dight!
Elect on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest!*****

**On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung:
The price of human kind to pay,
And spoil the Spoiler of his prey.*****

**[O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
This holy Passiontide, avail
To give fresh merit to the Saint,
And pardon to the penitent.*****

**To Thee, Eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done;
Whom by the Cross Thou dost restore,
Preserve and govern evermore.]*****

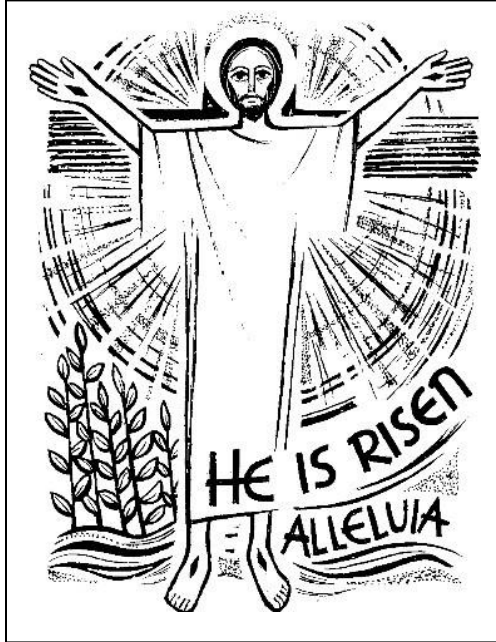
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider In the words our Savior taught us, we are bold to say:

People **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

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



The Great Vigil of Easter

PREPARATION We invite you to place a single candle in your Sacred Space. Once the Paschal Candle has been lit, we invite you to lite your candle. During the singing of He is risen , bring spring flowers to your Sacred Space.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

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

The Easter fire is now lit.

Presider Let us pray

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

Presider May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

THE EXULTET

Presider: let us now pray together the ancient Easter Hymn:

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.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar, which glowing fire ignites for God's honor, a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by sharing of its light, for it is fed by melting wax, drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious.

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.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Presider Dear friends in Christ, we have begun our solemn vigil. Let us now listen attentively to the story of our salvation remembering how God saved his people throughout history, and, in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer. Throughout our Easter celebration, may the Lord open our hearts so that He might live in us forever. May we come to celebrate with joy and believe with confidence.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

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

Reader III

A reading from Exodus

Reader I 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."

Reader II 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."

Reader III 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."

Reader I 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.

Reader II 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.

Reader I 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.

Reader II 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."

Reader I 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.

Reader III 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.

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

Reader II The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT

Presider + Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Presider 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. People **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1 - 10

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

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider On this most holy night, we pray for the church, the earth, the world, those in need, and all the members of God's family.

A brief silence.

Intercessor We pray, O God, for all the churches around the globe: for their leaders and clergy; for the newly baptized; for the believers who cannot assemble for worship; for faithful endurance during this time of sorrow and distress; and for a deepening sense of your presence among us. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for peace and justice in the world: for an end to war and international turmoil; for concord in our troubled society; for the heads of state, legislators, and local civic leaders, that they enact wise procedures to deal with the coronavirus. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray, O God for all who are facing the coronavirus: for all who mourn their dead; all who have contracted the virus; those who are quarantined or stranded away from home; those who have lost their employment; those who fear the present and the future. We pray for physicians, nurses, home health aides and medical researchers. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for all in need: for those suffering for the faith; for those who are poor, hungry, and homeless; for those who are sick and those awaiting death; and for those we name before you here. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanks for all who died in the faith and bring us at the final resurrection into your everlasting life, where sorrows will be no more. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider Gathering our prayers and our praises into one, we are bold to say:

People **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

THE COLLECT

Presider Let us pray Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. People Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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

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

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

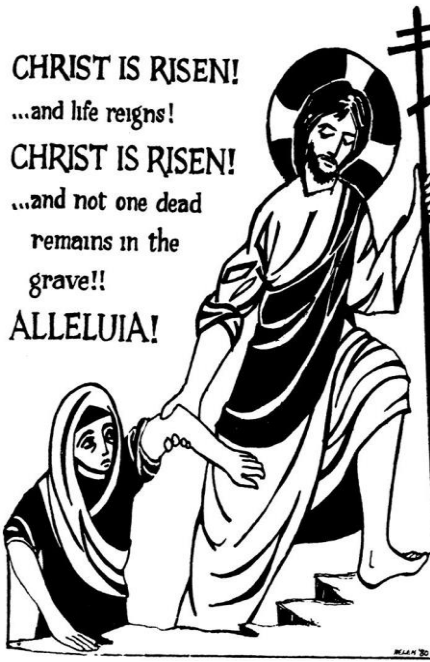
Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**

INVITATION TO THE EASTER FEAST

The Lord has Risen... Go in Peace Alleluia Alleluia

Thanks be to God Alleluia Alleluia

CHRIST IS RISEN!
...and life reigns!
CHRIST IS RISEN!
...and not one dead
remains in the
grave!!
ALLELUIA!



EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

PREPARATION You're invited to have a bowl and pitcher of water, with flowers (and Easter eggs if you'd like) at your sacred space. During the praying of the Praise of Water, you may pour the water into the bowl and then bless yourself before the renewal of Baptismal Promises

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Presider + Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Presider: Let us pray this psalm together:

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in

the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * Praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 28:1 - 10

Presider A reading from the Gospel of Matthew **Glory to you Lord Christ**

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

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

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

THE PRAISE OF WATER AS A SIGN OF OUR BAPTISM

(You may pour the water into the bowl and then bless yourself before the renewal of Baptismal Promises)

The Presider:

O God, whose Spirit
in the first moments of the world's creation
hovered over the waters, so that the very substance of water
would even then take to itself the power to sanctify;

O God, who by the outpouring of the flood
foreshadowed regeneration,
so that from the mystery of one and the same element of water
would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue;

O God, who caused the children of Abraham
to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea,
so that the chosen people,
set free from slavery to Pharaoh,
would prefigure the people of the baptized;

O God, whose Son,
baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan
was anointed with the Holy Spirit,
and, as he hung upon the Cross,
gave forth water from his side along with blood,
and after his Resurrection, commanded his disciples:
"Go forth, teach all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"
look now, we pray, upon the face of your Church
and graciously unseal for her the fountain of Baptism.

May this water be for us a sign of
the grace of your Only Begotten Son,
so that we may recall that human nature, created in your image,
and washed clean through the Sacrament of Baptism
from all the squalor of the life of old,

may be found worthy to rise to the life of newborn children through water and the Holy Spirit.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear sisters and brothers,
through the paschal mystery
we have been buried with Christ in baptism,
so that we may walk with him in newness of life.
And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded,
let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism,
by which we once renounced Satan and his works
and promised to serve God in God's holy and catholic church. And so I ask you:

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

People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

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

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

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

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

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

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

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

Presider This is our faith, the faith of the Church and we are proud to profess it in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

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

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

THE CONCLUDING COLLECTS

The Presider:

Collect for Easter Sunday: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

An Easter Collect: God of life, listen to the prayers of your Easter people, gathered to celebrate the death and resurrection of your Son. Bring light and peace to all who are in need. We ask this in the name of the Risen One, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect from The Rev. Dr Sam Wells: God of healing and hope, in Jesus you meet us in our places of pain and fear. Look with mercy on those who have contracted the new virus, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern, by your Holy Spirit bring out the best not the worst in us. Make us more aware of our interdependence on each other, and of the strength that comes from being one body in you. Through Christ our wounded healer. **Amen.**

You are invited to offer intercessions and thanksgiving either silently or aloud.

THE BENEDICTION

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

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

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

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

Alleluia Christ is Risen!!!

The Lord is Risen Indeed Alleluia!!

