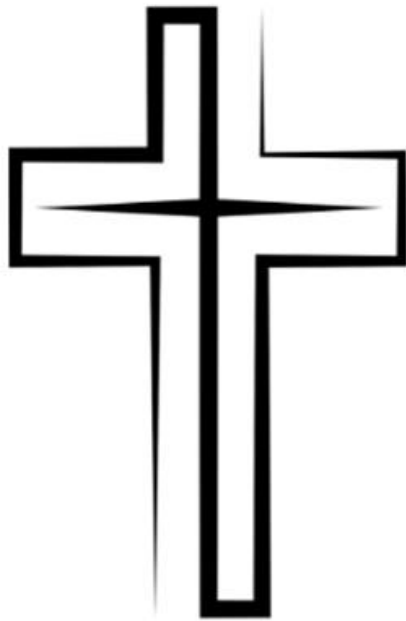


Church of the Holy Cross

Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed!



Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

10 a.m.

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# Gathering of the People

## Welcome

### Prelude

#### Opening Hymn VF 50 *At break of day*

Chords: Em Am Em D G Am Dsus4 D

1 At break of day three wo - men came to find where Christ was laid.  
 2 O Ma - ry, see your son a - gain, in re - sur - rec - tion joy.  
 3 Come ce - le - brate the death of death! Come share e - ter - nal life!

Chords: C D Em D G Am Em

With myrrh pre - pared to a - noint his corpse, they wept and mourned the dead.  
 Shine, shine Je - ru - sa - lem, for Christ is ris'n in ma - jes - ty.  
 Come leap and praise the liv - ing God who o - pens par - a - dise!

Chords: Bm Em Am Em Cmaj7 Dsus4 D

But now the stone is rolled a - way, they wor - ship in full day,  
 Lift up your eyes, look around and see, re - joic - ing, strong and free,  
 For dawn is come all shin - ing bright, to show sal - va - tion's might

Chords: C D G D G Am Em

then run to take the good news back and share their ho - ly joy.  
 your child - ren come to find their home for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 to break the tomb, burst through the gloom, and flood the world with light.

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#### Opening Acclamation (A New Zealand Prayer Book)

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**People** **Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight to the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise H 473 (v 3 & 4) *Lift high the cross*

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim  
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

### First Reading

Acts 2:14a,22-32

*Reader* A Reading from the book of Acts

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 16

*Recited responsively by whole verse. The reader leads off, and congregation responds with the bold verses.*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \***  
**upon those who are noble among the people.**
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 **Their libations of blood I will not offer, \***  
**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \***  
**indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 **I have set the Lord always before me; \***  
**because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 **For you will not abandon me to the grave, \***  
**nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \* in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to

be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Sequence Hymn H 178 (v.2) Opening Acclamation Easter**

*We will sing the hymn once before the gospel and once after.*

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the  
 ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give  
 Praise to his Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

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**Holy Gospel**

John 20:19-31

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

## **Sermon**

Deacon Clede Smartt

**Creed**    (by Susan Bock)

**We believe in God, the Creator,  
who made the heavens and the earth.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's beloved Son, our brother and savior,  
who was born of the Holy Spirit and the woman Mary.  
He was crucified, died, and was buried,  
but, on the third day, he rose from death  
and returned to the heart of God  
from where he reigns in eternal love.  
He will come again to gather  
the whole world home to that love.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
in one healed and united Church,  
in the forgiveness of all sins,  
and in eternal life for us all. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People** (Form III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for our search committee.  
**Grant them wisdom, discernment and patience as they move through this process.**

We also pray for the pastor who will be joining us.

**Lead the right priest to our Church and guide us as we move forward together.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions aloud in the room, or typed in the chat on Zoom.*

*Celebrant* God of new life, we give praise for the Resurrection of your Son, Jesus, and for the moments of abundant grace we have experienced which take part in your divine story. Give us mindful hearts to perceive the blessings of your love at all times and in all places. **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution** *Stand or kneel as you prefer.*

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

*Silence may be kept.*

**All** **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*The Peace is exchanged with one another.*

## Offertory Sentence

### Offertory Hymn H 232 (v.1-3) *By all your saints still striving*



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,  
2 *(Insert the stanza appropriate to the day)*  
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor-ship God the Son



your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, for ev - er - more be blessed.  
and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter-nal Three in One,



You rose, our King vic - tor - ious, that they might wear the crown  
till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne



and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect-ed from your throne.  
a - scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

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2. All praise, O Lord, for Thomas  
whose short-lived doubtings prove  
your perfect two-fold nature,  
the depth of your true love.  
To all who live with questions  
a steadfast faith afford;  
and grant us grace to know you,  
made flesh, yet God and Lord.

## Announcements & Blessing of Life Events

### Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* As Jesus has taught us, we now pray,  
*All* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Final Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** **O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Easter Blessing

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,  
Whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us,  
Strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world.  
May the wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God,  
Bless you and those you love and pray for this day and always. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn H 209 *We walk by faith and not by sight*

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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## Going into the World

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the power of the Resurrection. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! ALLELUIA!**

## Postlude

*This brings the worship to a close.  
All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

### Ministers of Today's Service

Reader 1: Larry Jansen  
Reader 2: Rebecca McCormick  
Prayer: Jane Foote  
Greeter/Usher: Cathi Peterson  
Zoom Host: Minerva Melville  
Counters: Rebecca McCormick & Pam Hinkle

### Altar Guild

**Joanne Quinlan**, Carole Abshier, Gael Grossman,  
Anne Hamilton, Katherine Housman, Kathie Kirby,  
Cathi Peterson

### Sunday School Teachers

**Teri Landreth**, Renee Brennan, Pimam Manzi,  
Ashlie Price

### Clergy

Bishop of Michigan: The Rt. Rev. Bonnie Perry  
Deacon: The Rev. Dcn. Cleda Smartt

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IN-PERSON SERVICES  
**Sunday 8am & 10am**  
WEEKLY ZOOM SERVICES  
**Sunday Service**  
 @ 10 AM  
**Wednesday Night Compline**  
 @ 7:45pm  
 Information and Zoom links  
 at [www.holycrossnovi.org](http://www.holycrossnovi.org)

**Teri's Office Schedule**  
**The church office  
 will be Closed**  
 Teri will be on staycation  
**April 12-19**  
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**New (old) Ministry**  
 As we go through this chapter of searching for a new Rector, it was requested that we revive our Pastoral phone call ministry - now called "**Care Team.**" The goal is to help keep us connected. It is a ministry of observation and word of mouth. If you notice that a parishioner has not been in church or on Zoom for a couple of weeks, or you become aware of one who is ill or recovering, please reach out to them or to the Care Team, who will then connect with the parishioner by phone or hand-written note. If it is determined that their absence may be extended, home communion can be arranged by notifying Deacon Cleda or the Eucharistic Visitor Team.  
**Care Team:** Minerva Melville; Cathi Peterson  
 Christine Jamieson; Pat Nielsen; Laura Jansen

**Community Fun Gathering**  
 Crafty Creations & Casseroles  
 Invite some friends and join us **Saturday  
 May 9th @ 3 pm** for crafts & casseroles.  
**Make a Craft** - Paint (acrylic, watercolor, or marker) with wood, canvas or paper. Make a gift for your mom or something for yourself.  
or **Bring a Craft** - Do you knit, crochet or scrapbook? Bring your current project and work on it.  
or **Build a Boat** - Work with a team to build a boat out of recycled scraps - to be displayed as part of our **Fishers of People** theme.  
**RSVP** on the Gatherings board; & sign up if you'd like to provide a dish.




**Celebrate Earth Day!**

**BUY NOTHING – Novi MI Group**

**In-person Spring 2026 Event**

**Where:** Church of the Holy Cross, 40700 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375  
 (25 tables available indoors; or set up your own outdoors)

**When:** Saturday, April 18, 2026

<b>Schedule</b>	10:30am-11:30am	<b>Set-up/ Members only</b>
	11:30am-1:00pm	Open to the public
	1:00pm-1:30pm	Clean up and go home

**Who:** Members of Buy Nothing Novi and Parishioners of Holy Cross

**What to Bring:** A box or big bag to carry all of the wonderful items that you want to take home!



**Please pray for:**

Peace the world over; for children in war zones, for all who have been victims of gun violence, for children affected by measles, for all those who are detained without due process, being housed in inhumane circumstances, for those affected by dangerous weather conditions.

In the Diocesan & Anglican cycle of prayer, St. Katherine's, Williamston; Nativity Church, Bloomfield Township; & Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.

In our Holy Cross community, Janine C; John M; John J; Kim & Kati; Terry; Rachel; Jim A; Elaine J; Andrew; Mercedes, Cheryl & Raul; Denise; Brian V; Amy, Steve, Lucas, Ethan, Carter, Heather, and Shirley; Anne and Dallas; Mark; Eric and all US soldiers who are deployed; Art; Shiela; Rich, Paulette & Hank; Susan and her family; Marsaya & Sayrah; Malcolm; Wanda, Tasha, Rhondda, Ronald, Kathy, Shirley; Lee.

**Social Time**

**Ladies Lunch** Friday, May 8th @ 11:30 am  
**Location TBA**

We are trying new venues & menus. If you have a place that you think we should try, please check with the establishment - can they accommodate our numbers (usually 4-5, sometimes 8-10), will they issue separate checks & are there gluten-free options.

**Men's Breakfast** Sat, May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 9am.

**Moe's on Ten**

39455 W 10 Mile Rd, Novi

RSVP to the Jansens @ [ajansens@yahoo.com](mailto:ajansens@yahoo.com) or text/call

- Laura 248-330-2527
- Larry 248-330-2528

**Faith & Advocacy**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month 7-8:00pm on Zoom.

We plan to focus on immigration, especially the horrible way that it is being handled by the current administration (ICE/CBP).

If you would like to be included, email Jane Foote at [jfoote@mi.rr.com](mailto:jfoote@mi.rr.com) or text her your email address to 248-207-0652. Jane will email the zoom link to those on the email list the day before each meeting.

All are welcome to warm up before the service 9:20-9:35 when Kate will run through that day's music. All are welcome - no experience needed!

**Choir Rehearsal time:**  
11:30am - 12:15pm



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Sunday School **at 10am**. Children of all ages are invited to meet in the Preschool Room (*down the hall from the Sanctuary*).

Families worship together in the sanctuary on the 5th Sunday of the month.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

All knitters & crocheters welcome to join on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month @ 10 am in the sanctuary.

Prayer shawls are always available on request to Thorne (Tryn) Hinkle - [thcatcrazy101@gmail.com](mailto:thcatcrazy101@gmail.com)



**Online Giving**

**Zelle is fee free!**

If your bank does not offer Zelle, we still accept online giving through Anedot.



*Scan the QR code from your banking app.*

**Hospitality House Outreach**

To date we have donated 92 personal product items. Please keep up the good work - all is appreciated as the client count keeps rising!

**Social Justice Jar**

The Social Justice Jar is currently collecting for **Undue Medical Debt**

Erase medical debt for pennies on the dollar.



Every \$10 donated relieves \$1,000 on average of undue medical debt for families in financial need.