

THE THREE DAYS



WORSHIP AT HOME FOR THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter Vigil

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Introduction and Invitation

"...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."

These words from the Great Vigil of Easter normally speak to dispersion as the reality that the church does not exist in one place but exists in all places and across time. This year, as a faithful response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, dispersion takes on new meaning. Rather than gathering to observe these incredibly rich and meaningful liturgies as a community, we will instead observe them as a dispersed community - as individuals and families in our homes.



Welcome, wherever you are, to Holy Week. For many centuries, followers of Jesus have gathered together to retrace and remember the last days of Jesus Christ, especially the three sacred days that make up the Triduum (“three days”). We believe that these days cannot be separated from one another, so they are celebrated as one liturgy. This year, while we are refraining from being together, we may still enter into the Holy Week of Jesus in our homes and places of refuge. We are dispersed but not despairing.

Make a holy place. Throughout this week, we will be attentive to the worshipful-ness of our homes and places where we observe Holy Week. Set aside a holy place in your home for Holy Week. Perhaps a simple side table covered with a cloth, of any color. Whatever you have, is enough. Place a few things to help you enter the presence of God: a cross, a bible, a candle. If you have children, encourage them to choose one item for your holy place. The table needs at most 5-6 things—simplicity is best.

We will not celebrate or receive Holy Communion until the days of social distancing due to COVID-19 have come to an end. On that glorious day, we will remember this Holy Week and Easter as a season of fasting, even as Christ dies and rises in our midst. It is our hope that within this Holy Week, each of us will be able to find that place of stillness and new presence with God in Christ, and that we will find ourselves transformed. We can do this even when the church cannot gather.

If you live alone, you may read and pray the words. If you are living with others, share the reading and the prayers. Notes or instructions during the devotions will be found in **red text**. These are not meant to be read aloud but are to help guide you. There are “hyperlinks” included in this document which are meant to be clicked to access videos and audio of readings, sermons, and other media which were prepared by the clergy and staff of the three churches. You may need to adjust settings for the hyperlinks to function correctly. The full addresses can also be entered into manually.

Joyfully, with expectation,

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Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Hosted by: St. Mary's Episcopal Church



Introduction and Setting

Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin word *Mandatum*, meaning “commandment,” and it is Jesus’ final commandment to his followers in John’s Gospel, “Love one another as I have loved you,” that we remember today. The washing of feet, which has its origins in the Gospel according to St. John, is one of the most ancient and universal rites in the Christian Church. It is a reminder of the humility necessary to be ministers with one another. On Maundy Thursday we also remember the last supper that Jesus ate with his friends, which has become for us the Holy Eucharist. This year, we can remember the last time we received Holy Communion, and look again to receive this gift, together, in the future.

This prayer from Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) describes the heart of Maundy Thursday

Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
no hands but yours; no feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out
on the world.

Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good.
Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people.

Musical Reflection

Take, O Take Me As I Am

<https://youtu.be/g7bXteoRnvQ>

You may listen to this youtube setting of the hymn as a prelude to the evening service.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Take, O Take Me As I Am'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.'

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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Add to your place set apart for Holy Week a bowl of water and a clean washcloth. Maundy Thursday is offered in the evening as you are eating your evening meal. Begin the prayers before you start to eat, sitting down, Set out a bowl of water and a clean towel. Sit with them before you and begin with these texts. First, remember God's forgiveness:

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace we have been saved.
Our sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.
Almighty God strengthen us with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.
Amen.

Then pray the prayer for this night:

Holy 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.

Amen.

The readings for Maundy Thursday may be read, as follows.

First Reading Exodus 12:1–14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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. ¹⁴This 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.

Psalm Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

1I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
2for the Lord has given | ear to me
Whenev- | er I called.
12How shall I re- | pay the Lord
for all the good things God has | done for me?
13I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the Lord.
14I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all God's people.
15Precious in your | sight, O Lord,

is the death | of your servants.
16O Lord, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me | from my bonds.
17I will offer you the sacrifice | of
thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the Lord.
18I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all God's people,
19in the courts of | the Lord 's house,
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.

We eat our evening meal. Any of these blessings that are appropriate are prayed over the meal. When the meal is served, if you are eating with others, it is good to serve one another. If you are eating alone, you are in the presence of Jesus.

Over Wine

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May the time come quickly when we can share that cup again, even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Over Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and you have fed us on our way with the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. Let us be fed again soon with that bread of life. And as grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

Over the Other Foods

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.

After you have eaten your evening meal continue with the readings.

Musical Reflection

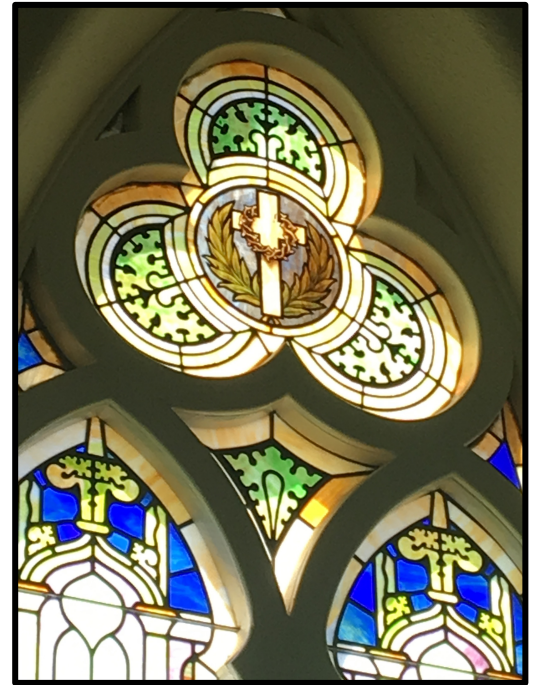
A Minuet by Domenico Scarlatti

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJljI2E1ISE>

This music was recorded by Kelly Sharp, Director of Music at St. Mary's for tonight's worship.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

23For 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, 24and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 25In 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.” 26For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Gospel John 13:1–17, 31b–35

1Now 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. 2The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5Then 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. 6He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10Jesus 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." 11For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12After 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? 13You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. 14So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. 31b"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33Little 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.' 34I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Homily

The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RW4ftEky1gA>

This link will take you to a youtube video to hear the homily prepared by Rev. Ann for tonight's worship.

When you are finished with the meal use these words:

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done." Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you. I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you. By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another. Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.



If you are with others, you may wash each other's feet gently with the water and clean cloth, or use a larger basin and warm water. If you are alone, use the clean cloth to gently wash your hands. You may also choose to symbolically wash the cross on your table—a sign of the body of Christ. You may also consider how you are called to service, now and in the future.

The washing of feet is a sign of humble service. In the face of suffering and death with which the world is filled, God's word of service comes to us. Even when we cannot meet for the holy supper together, the words of Jesus draw us together as we love the world—to serve for the reconciliation of all.



Prayers of Intercession

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, responding to each petition with the words, “Your mercy is great.”

A brief silence is kept after each petition

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. Grant bishops, pastors, deacons, musicians, and all worship leaders faithfulness and creativity for their ministry in this time, and accompany those preparing for baptism. Hear us, holy God. Your mercy is great.

Blessed are you, bountiful God, for this good earth and for the flowering of springtime. Save dry lands from destructive droughts. Protect the waters from pollution. Allow in this time the planting of fields for food. Make us into care-givers of your plants and animals. Hear us, bountiful God. Your mercy is great.

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. Hear us, sovereign God. Your mercy is great.

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, and home health aides; medical researchers; and the World Health Organization. Hear us, faithful God. Your mercy is great.

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 (especially). Hear us, gracious God. Your mercy is great.

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. Hear us, loving God. Your mercy is great.

Blessed are you, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith, especially the martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer, whom we commemorate today, and those whom we name before you here. At the end, bring us with them into your everlasting glory. Hear us, eternal God. Your mercy is great.

Receive, merciful God, our prayers, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the host of our meal of life, who died and rose that we might live with you, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Pray the Lord's Prayer in whatever language or version is your custom. After you have finished, you may meditate on the words by listening to this recording from musicians at Emanuel.

Musical Reflection

The Lord's Prayer by Malotte, Teryn Kuzma (soprano), Jun Lee (piano)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1f_BSEtXhA

Closing Prayer

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. Amen .

After this prayer, gently remove everything except the cross from your place set apart for Holy Week. After some minutes in silence, during the cleaning, Psalm 22 may be recited or chanted.

Psalm 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads,
saying,
8 He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *

let him rescue him, if he delights in him.
9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.
17 They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.
18 Be not far away, O LORD; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild
bulls.
21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will
praise you.
22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor
in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of
those who
worship him.
25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise
him: *
May your heart live for ever!
26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and
turn to
the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations bow
before him.
27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow
down
in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before
him.
29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for
ever.
30 They shall come and make known to a
people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Musical Setting of Psalm 22 Provided by Richard Hicks <https://youtu.be/KZsWmo-brXY>

You may keep silence.



Good Friday

Friday, April 10, 2020

Hosted by: Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sit before the place you set apart in your home for worship. It should be bare, except for a cross or a crucifix.

Musical Reflection

Stabat Mater, Ed Gawlinski, Emanuel Lutheran

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PTpXvVhZhA>

Begin with this prayer.

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Then the readings for Good Friday may be read, as follows.

First Reading

52:13 See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.

14 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 —

15 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?

53:2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;



Isaiah 52:13—53:12

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

3 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.

4 Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

5 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.

6All 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.

7He 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.

8By 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.

9They 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.

10Yet 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.

11Out 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.

12Therefore 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.

The Passion according to St. John

John 18:1 — 19:42

On Good Friday it is important to reflect on a truth too many Christians forget: that Jesus himself, and all of his disciples, were Jewish. John's Gospel sometimes uses the term "the Jews" to represent either the religious leaders who condemned Jesus, or the crowds gathered in Jerusalem. But all too often in Christian history this has been misunderstood to mean Jewish people in general. In centuries past this led to hideous prejudice and even violence. As we read John's gospel tonight, let us remember three things: 1) Jesus himself was Jewish; 2) It is all humankind, ourselves included, who is responsible for his death, and whose sins he bore to the cross; and 3) our Jewish brothers and sisters remain God's beloved and chosen people, and their covenant with God will never be forgotten (Romans 11:29).

18:1[Jesus] went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.

2Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. 3So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him,

came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" 5They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. 7Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 8Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." 9This was to fulfill the

word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me."

10Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus.

11Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

12So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. 13First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year.

14Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

15Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, 16but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. 17The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

18Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

19Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. 20Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. 21Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." 22When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck

Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" 23Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" 24Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

25Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." 26One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" 27Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

28Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. 29So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" 30They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

31Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." 32(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

33Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 35Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" 36Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this

world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” 37Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” 38Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him. 39But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” 40They shouted in reply, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a bandit. 19:1Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. 2And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. 3They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face. 4Pilate went out again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.” 5So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” 6When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.” 7The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”

8Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. 9He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. 10Pilate therefore said to him, “Do you refuse to speak

to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?”

11Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.” 12From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.”

13When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. 14Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, “Here is your King!” 15They cried out, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but the emperor.” 16Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; 17and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. 18There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. 19Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” 20Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. 21Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” 22Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” 23When the soldiers had crucified

Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. 24So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

“They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.”

25And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

26When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.”

27Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

28After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” 29A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. 30When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

31Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men

broken and the bodies removed. 32Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. 33But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. 35(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.)

36These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” 37And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

38After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. 39Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. 40They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. 41Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. 42And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Reflection

The Rev. Stephanie Kershner

Rev. Stephanie Kershner, Good Friday Homily
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gsg3pweou7g>

This Link will take you to a video of Pr. Kershner’s Homily for Good Friday.

Hymn

<http://richardhicks.org/download/o-sacred-head.mp3>

This recording by Richard Hicks may be used to sing the hymn.

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weigh'd down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee,
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

The intercessions on Good Friday are unfolded in faith that as Jesus is lifted up on the cross, his compassion does indeed extend to all people and the whole cosmos. The Good Friday intercessions—the practice of which can be traced to the fifth century—invite the entire congregation into intercessory prayer that is as wide as the embrace of the cross. There may be no other liturgical occasion during the year in which the intercessory prayers extend so intentionally and fully to all of humanity and all of creation. (Augsburg Fortress)

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

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world; we pray for Elizabeth, the presiding bishop of the ELCA, for Michael, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, for James, the bishop of the New England Synod of the ELCA, for Ian and Laura, the bishops of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, for Douglas and Stephanie, our pastors, for Ann, our rector, for our deacons, and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

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

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them; For Donald, the President of the United States. For the Congress and the Supreme Court, For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations For all who serve the common good.

Silent prayer.

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.

Let us pray for those in need, especially those now affected by the coronavirus.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary
and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to
travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty,
and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, disease and plague.

Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble,
that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ; For those who have never heard the
word of salvation

For those who have lost their faith

For those hardened by sin or indifference

For the contemptuous and the scornful

For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and
persecutors of his disciples

For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others

Silent prayer.

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and
lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you
as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel
be preached with grace and power to those who have not
heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring
home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there
may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of
God.

Silent prayer.



Almighty and eternal God,
long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses.
Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may dwell in peace and security,
be free from all slander, and be renewed in their celebration of the Passover.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

Silent prayer.

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.

Musical Reflection

Were You There

Teryn Kuzma (soprano), Jun Lee (piano)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UFb9eGRiYo>

At this point you may kiss or touch the cross at your table in the ancient custom of venerating the
wood of the cross on Good Friday. As you touch the cross we pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Pray in whatever language or version as is your custom.

Conclude with these words:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 11, 2020

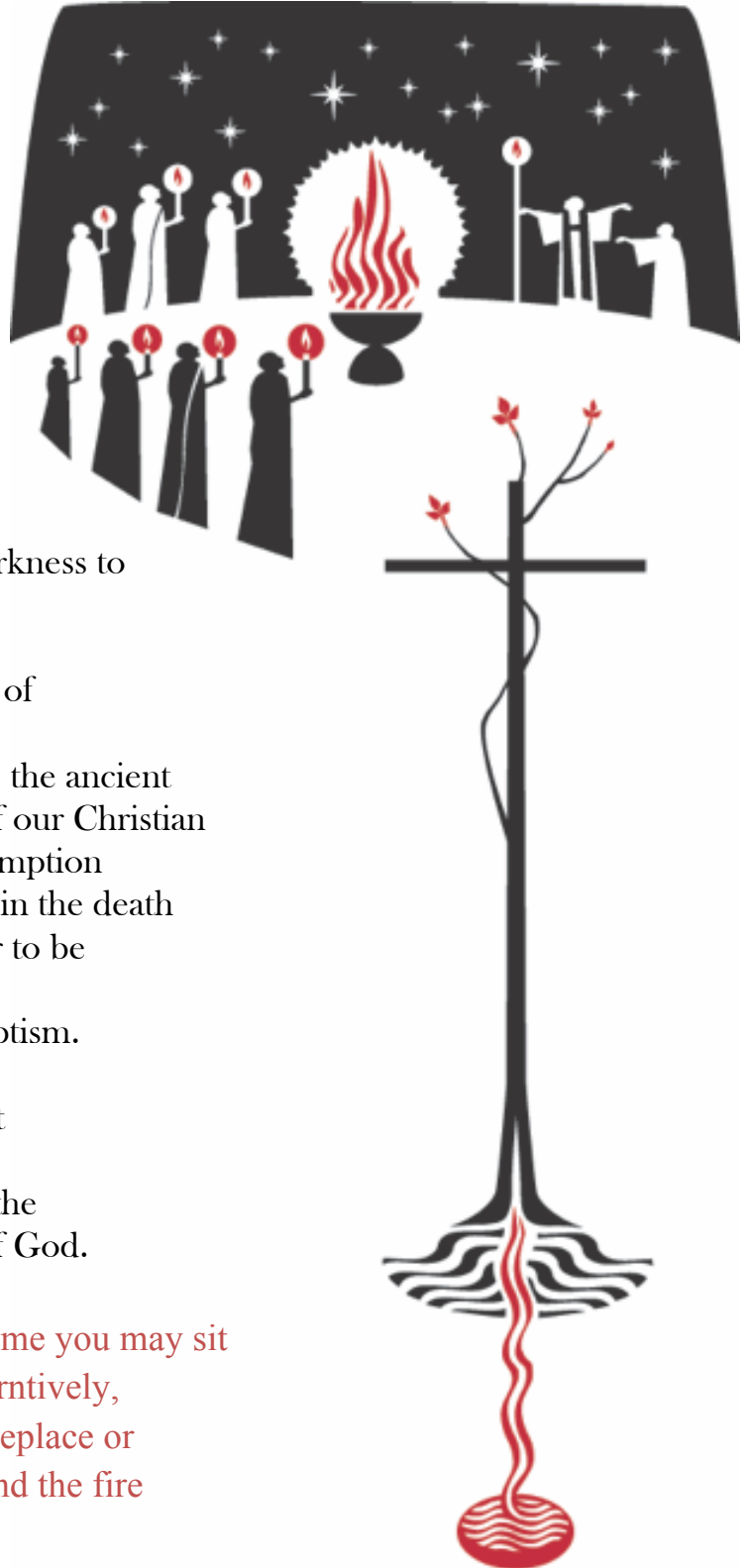
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From earliest times
Christians have gathered
through the night
of Easter to recall the
story of God's saving work,
from creation through
to the death
and resurrection of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

However, the Easter Liturgy is
not merely a presentation of God's work.
It is meant to be a real experience
of new life for the worshipper, a passing from darkness to
light which offers hope to all the faithful.

The Easter Vigil marks the end of the emptiness of
Holy Saturday, and leads into the celebration of
Christ's resurrection. The singing of the Exsultet, the ancient
hymn of triumph and rejoicing, links this night of our Christian
redemption to the Passover night of Israel's redemption
out of Egypt. Christian baptism is a participation in the death
and resurrection of Christ, a dying to sin in order to be
reborn in him, and the Easter Vigil was from
early Christian times a preferred occasion for baptism.
It is fittingly a time when those who are already
Christians may repeat with renewed commitment
the promises of their own baptism,
and strengthen their sense of incorporation into the
royal and priestly ministry of the whole people of God.

As we are not gathered in the church, at your home you may sit
before an unlit candle and a bowl of water. Alternatively,
where permitted, you may light a fire in your fireplace or
some other safe place. Families can gather around the fire
for the stories from sacred scripture.



Light the candle from the new fire, saying:

The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Thanks be to God.

Easter Proclamation (Exsultet)

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,

and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,

pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light.

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible,

almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who

at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin,

and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning--he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer

O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son, free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

These and other stories from Hebrew Scripture may be read. The full chart of readings follows. The texts for readings related to the sermon are included in this booklet.



First Reading

[Genesis 1:1--2:4a](#)

First Response

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Second Reading

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

Second Response

Psalm 46

Third Reading

Genesis 22:1-18

Third Response

Psalm 16

Fourth Reading

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

Fourth Response

Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18

Fifth Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

Fifth Response

Isaiah 12:2-6

Sixth Reading

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

Sixth Reading (alternate)

Baruch 3:9-15, 32--4:4

Sixth Response

Psalm 19

Seventh Reading

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Seventh Response

Psalm 42--43

Eighth Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Eighth Response

Psalm 143

Ninth Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Ninth Response

Psalm 98

Tenth Reading

Jonah 1:1--2:1

Tenth Response

Jonah 2:2-3 [4-6] 7-9

Eleventh Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11

Eleventh Response

Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7, 36a,
43a

Twelfth Reading

Daniel 3:1-29

Twelfth Response

Song of the Three 35--65

Reading Genesis 1:1—2:4a

1In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” 7So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. 8God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. 10God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. 12The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. 13And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, 15and let them be

lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. 16God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, 18to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.”

21So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. 22God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

23And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. 25God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

27So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

28God blessed them, and God said to them,
“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and
subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of
the sea and over the birds of the air and over
every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

29God said, “See, I have given you every plant
yielding seed that is upon the face of all the
earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you
shall have them for food. 30And to every beast
of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to
everything that creeps on the earth, everything
that has the breath of life, I have given every

green plant for food.” And it was so. 31God
saw everything that he had made, and indeed,
it was very good. And there was evening and
there was morning, the sixth day.

2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were
finished, and all their multitude. 2 And on the
seventh day God finished the work that he had
done, and he rested on the seventh day from all
the work that he had done. 3 So God blessed
the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it
God rested from all the work that he had done
in creation.

4a These are the generations of the heavens and
the earth when they were created.

A Poetic Reading of the Creation Story

<https://youtu.be/0XH-7xZ2QYA>

James Weldon Johnson from “God’s Trombones”

Musical Reflection

<http://richardhicks.org/download/creator-alme-siderium.mp3>

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

10As 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. 11They 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? 12Is 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.” 13But 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. 14The Lord

will fight for you, and you have only to keep
still.”

15Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you
cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward.

16But 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.

17Then 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. 18And the Egyptians shall
know that I am the Lord, when I have gained
glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots,
and his chariot drivers.”

19The 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. 20It 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.

21Then 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. 22The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. 23The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. 24At 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. 25He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

26Then 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." 27So 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. 28The 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. 29But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. 30Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31Israel 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.

15:20Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. 21And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Musical Reflection

Meine Seele Durstet Nach Gott from Psalm 42 by Mendelssohn,
Teeren Kuzma (soprano), Jun Lee (Piano)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ov4_tRV4hOk

Translation

*My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When will I reach the place
where I will behold God's countenance?*

After the readings from the Hebrew Scriptures, you may fill a bowl with water to remember your baptism.

Baptismal Remembrance

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the bowl.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Dip your hand in the bowl and make the sign of the cross.

The Easter Gospel

Gospel: John 20:1–18

Pr. Barclay proclaims the Gospel in the Video below.

Homily

The Rev. Douglas D. Barclay

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8yR2psqJ51w>

Continue with the proclamation of the resurrection:

The good news is shared! With Mary Magdalene and all of the apostles, with saints throughout the centuries, with our ancestors in faith we say:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Musical Reflection

He is Risen, arr. by Joachim Neander, Kelly Sharp (piano)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AteA9piQG88>

Prayers of Intercession

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, responding to each petition with the words, "hear our prayer."

A brief silence.

We pray, O God, for all the churches around the globe: for their bishops, clergy, and lay leaders; 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.

A brief silence.

O God, you are our Temple: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray, O God, for the well-being of creation: for the health of seas and rivers and lakes (local bodies of water may be named); and for the will to care for your earth.

A brief silence.

O God, you are our Rainbow of promise: 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.

A brief silence.

O God, you are our Mighty Fortress: 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, and home health aides; medical researchers; and the World Health Organization. Fill the aching in our hearts with your merciful power.

A brief silence.

O God, you are our Everlasting Arms: 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.

A brief silence.

O God, you are the Healer of our every ill: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray, O God, for the desires of our hearts:

A longer period of silence.

O God, you are our Heart's Desire: 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.

A brief silence.

O God, our Beginning and our End, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into your gracious and mighty hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

You may pray in whatever language or version as is your custom.

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 forever.
Amen.



Pray this prayer and speak these final sentences:

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. Amen.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Postludes

<http://richardhicks.org/download/festive-voluntary-flor-peeters.mp3>

<http://richardhicks.org/download/sun-dance.mp3>

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