

# The Triduum at Home

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## WELCOME TO ST. PHILIP THE DEACON

While Easter is every Sunday, these Great Three Days—*the Triduum*—are like one great Sunday. The three days form one long, ancient, liturgy that begins with compassion and forgiveness, walks us through our fear-filled and violent rejection of God, and ends in the ultimate grace of God's persistent love for all creation. These three days are a time of repentance, of turning away from what we fear, and turning towards all that gives us life, hope, love, and joy. It is a time of turning away from all that prevents us from living as God has created us, in God's vibrant, hopeful, loving, and joyful image.

This booklet contains resources to use for praying together on the three central days of the Christian year. But because of the pandemic, we cannot do these important services together in church. While Easter is a joyful festival, we keep it now in a time of world-wide anxiety and sorrow. We bring to these three days our longing for Easter and our longing for Eucharist. Still, we believe that Christ is with us in his word, by his Spirit drawing us together as one before God. And we believe that the gospel of Christ and our hope in the Risen Lord gives us strength and the promise of peace.

Each one of these services can be done at home. The Maundy Thursday liturgy may be done over a meal, or after, as you choose. Blessings prayers for food are included. Mtr. Maria and Elizabeth will do Good Friday and the Easter Vigil from their home and you are welcome to join them via Zoom. Details will be sent via email and posted on the website.

On each occasion you will need to set out one or more physical symbols: first, a bowl of water and a clean towel; then a cross or crucifix; and finally a bowl of water and a candle. For all occasions, you will need a Bible. You may also want to have a BCP handy.

After the last prayers on Saturday evening, do celebrate. Ring some bells. Proclaim resurrection. It is Easter. Christ is risen!

*A note about order: Anyone may read these prayers, and they may all be said together. However, if you would like to have the prayers read by a single person, common responses are bolded.*

# Maundy Thursday

We can gather together in our homes and give thanks over a meal just as Jesus and his disciples did, praying together some of the oldest prayers of blessing in the Jewish and Christian traditions. The setting should be austere and the foods sparse and simple. Appropriate foods include a meatless main dish, cheese, olives, dried fruit, bread, and wine.

The meal begins with the blessings. If there are enough people (and you may share this meal with multiple households using a video conferencing platform), alternate the readings of scripture throughout the meal. You may also read the scriptures after the meal. The meal ends with a ritual washing of hands or feet, recalling Jesus washing his disciples' feet.

## GATHERING

*In addition to bread, wine, other food, and a candle, set out a bowl of water and a clean towel. Gather at the table. After a time of silence, you may begin.*

### COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

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 light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

## THE BLESSINGS

### OVER THE LIGHT

*Light the candle or candles, and say the following*

Sovereign God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light. We pray that as your great mercy enfolds us in the radiance of your light, so would your Spirit shine forth bright from our hearts. Kindle within us the fire of your love, that in its flame our hearts may burn with justice and peace for all people. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our friend and Savior. **Amen.**

### OVER THE WINE

*Light the candle or candles, and say the following*

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 THE 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.**

## THE READINGS

*The first part of the meal may be spent in conversation. At a suitable time, either during or after the meal, the readings from Scripture will begin. You may continue to eat during the readings.*

### FIRST READING

### Exodus 12:1-14a

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

<sup>14</sup>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.

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

### PSALM 116: 1, 10-17

I love the LORD, because the LORD has heard the voice of my supplication\*  
and inclined an ear to me whenever I cried out.

How shall I repay you, O LORD,\*  
for all the good things you have done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all the chosen people.  
Precious in your sight, O LORD, \*  
is the death of your servants.  
O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my  
bonds.  
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the name of the LORD.  
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all the people,  
In the courts of the LORD'S house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

*After the reading there is a time of silence.*

## **SECOND READING**

### **1 Corinthians 11:23–26**

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

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

*If you have done the readings during the meal, take the time you need to conclude the meal before the Gospel and the washing. Place before you the bowl of water and dry cloth.*

## **THE WASHING**

### **THE GOSPEL**

#### **John 13:1–17, 31b–35**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the

feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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

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

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ

## THE BIDDING

Fellow friends of our Lord Jesus 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 by miracle, but by such lowly service. We share in this ministry as members of the priesthood of all believers. Let us remember our Lord's admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

*Here you may wash your hands, using the water in the bowl, recalling Jesus washing his disciples' feet.*

## THE INTERCESSIONS

*Then you may pray together with all of us these intercessions for our church and world:*

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.*

Blessed are you, holy God, for the church. Gather all those who love your church around your presence in the Word. Strengthen the body of your people even when we cannot assemble for worship. Grant all your people faithfulness and creativity for their ministry in this time.

*A brief silence.*

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.

*A brief silence.*

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.

*A brief silence.*

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.

*A brief silence.*

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 we pray for \_\_\_\_\_.

*A brief silence.*

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.

*A longer period of silence.*

Hear us, loving God. Your mercy is great.

Blessed are you, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith, and those whom we name before you here.

*A brief silence.*

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.

*Finally, remembering Jesus going to his arrest and his death, the events from which all the mercy that fills this night flows, pray this Psalm. If you have a home altar or other prayer space at home, consider preparing it for Good Friday by “stripping” it while praying Psalm 88.*

## PSALM 88

O LORD, my God, my Savior, \*  
by day and night I cry to you.  
Let my prayer enter into your presence; \*  
incline your ear to my lamentation.  
For I am full of trouble; \*  
my life is at the brink of the grave.  
I am counted among those who go down to  
the Pit; \*  
I have become like one who has no strength;  
Lost among the dead, \*  
like the slain who lie in the grave,  
Whom you remember no more, \*  
for they are cut off from your hand.  
You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, \*  
in dark places, and in the abyss.  
Your anger weighs upon me heavily, \*  
and all your great waves overwhelm me.  
You have put my friends far from me;  
you have made me to be abhorred by them;  
\*  
I am in prison and cannot get free.  
My sight has failed me because of trouble; \*  
LORD, I have called upon you daily;  
I have stretched out my hands to you.

Do you work wonders for the dead? \*  
will those who have died stand up and give  
you thanks?  
Will your loving-kindness be declared in the  
grave? \*  
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?  
Will your wonders be known in the dark? \*  
or your righteousness in the country where  
all is forgotten?  
But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help;  
\*  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.  
LORD, why have you rejected me? \*  
why have you hidden your face from me?  
Ever since my youth, I have been wretched  
and at the point of death; \*  
I have borne your terrors with a troubled  
mind.  
Your blazing anger has swept over me; \*  
your terrors have destroyed me;  
They surround me all day long like a flood; \*  
they encompass me on every side.  
My friend and my neighbor you have put  
away from me, \*  
and darkness is my only companion.

## 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.**

*The Triduum continue tomorrow with Good Friday.*



# The Liturgy for Good Friday

*Place a wooden cross or crucifix on your table. You may wish to look up the readings in your Bible ahead of time and mark them.*

*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.**

*The readings, psalm, and Gospel appointed for Good Friday follow. Whether you read the lessons aloud or silently, consider a few moments of silence between each to let the words resonate. The Gospel may be read from the text below, or a bible of your choosing, by many voices or by one.*

## FIRST READING

## Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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

Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of  
the Lord been revealed?  
For he grew up before him like a young  
plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should  
look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should  
desire him.

He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with  
infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their  
faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no  
account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us  
whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is  
silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.  
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the  
living,  
stricken for the transgression of my  
people.  
They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him  
with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall

prolong his days;  
through him the will of the Lord shall  
prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his  
knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make  
many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the  
great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the  
strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the  
transgressors.

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

## **SECOND READING**

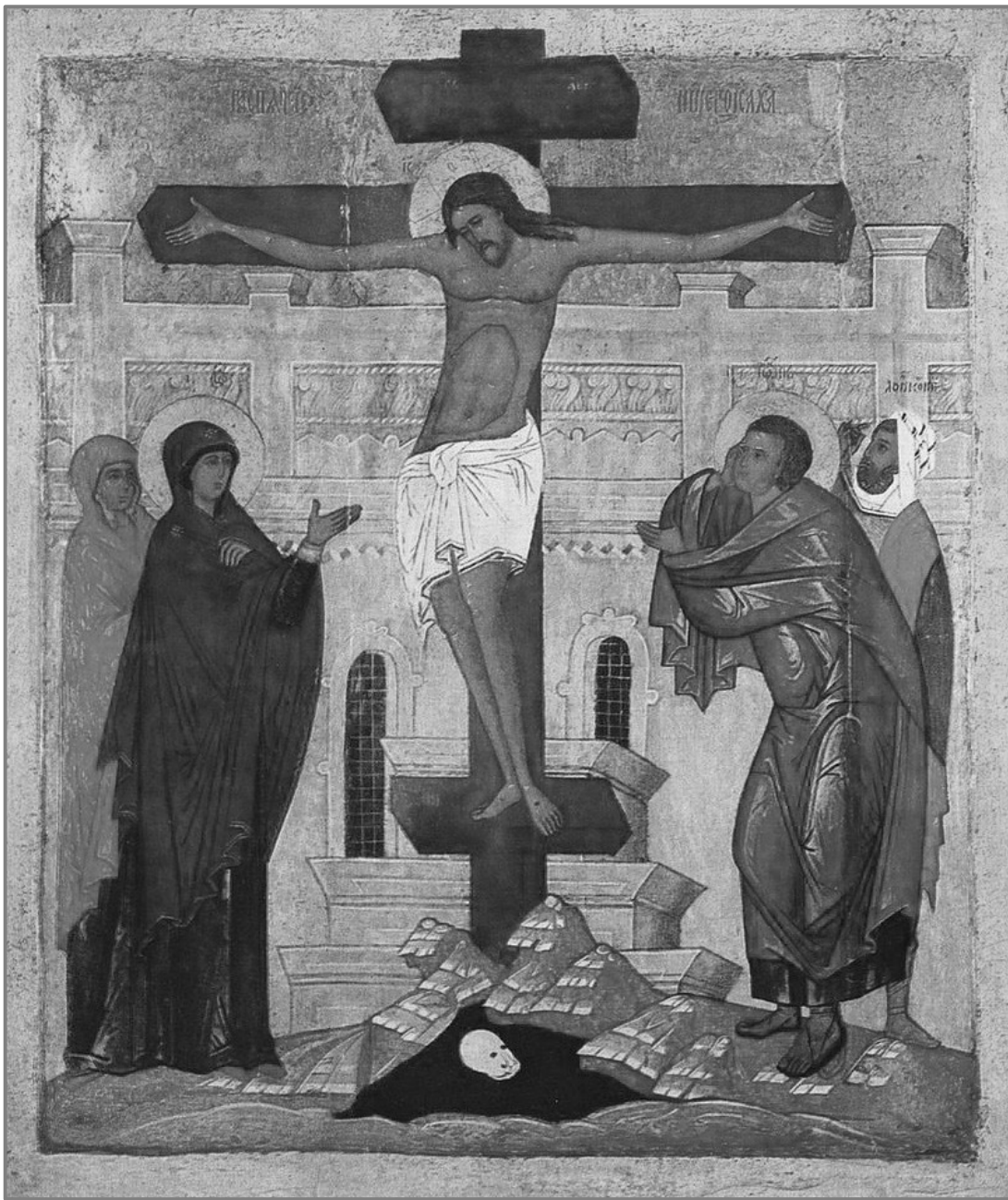
**Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9**

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

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

*After the reading there is a time of silence.*



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

*The congregation sits for the reading of the Passion. . If you have others in your household, you may take turns reading portions aloud.*

*This version of the Gospel of John is the result of a collaboration between Christian and Jewish scholars who recognize that this story has been used to demonize and vilify Jewish people at large. By noting this here we simply hope to call attention to the legacy of violence associated with this text, a violence which we believe God came in the person of Jesus to face personally and ultimately disarm. May the trial of the cross and the triumph of resurrection bring us further on our path to reconciliation with all people of the world.*

#### SCENE ONE: THE ARREST

Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciple entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers from the chief priests' guards and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." He said to them, "I AM." Judas his betrayer was also with them. When he said to them, "I AM," they turned away and fell to the ground. So he again asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They said, "Jesus the Nazorean." Jesus answered, "I told you that I AM. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill what he had said, "I have not lost any of those you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?" So the band of soldiers, the Roman tribune, and the Temple guards seized Jesus and bound him.

#### INTERLUDE ONE:

*Silence*

#### SCENE TWO: THE INTERROGATION

They brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counseled that it was better that one man should die rather than the people, lest the Romans come and take away both the land and the nation. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the high priest's courtyard with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in. Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, "You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken publicly to the world. I always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all Jews gather and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said." When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said, "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed.

#### INTERLUDE TWO:

*Silence*

#### SCENE THREE: THE TRIAL

Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. So Pilate came out to them and said, "What charge do you bring against this man?" They answered and said to him, "If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." At this, Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." The chief priests answered him, "We do not have the right to execute anyone," in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled indicating the kind of death he would die. Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" When he had said this, he again went out to the chief priests and said to them, "You have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this one but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a revolutionary.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to the chief priests, "Look, I am bringing him out to you." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said to them, "Behold, the man!" When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him, "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?" Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin." But the chief priests cried out, "If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the chief priests, "Behold, your king!" They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to be crucified. ‘

[INTERLUDE THREE: ANTHEM 1 BCP 281

*You may sing or read the anthem from the BCP. If worshiping with the community, it will be sung by the cantor.]*

#### SCENE FOUR: THE EXECUTION

So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests said to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also

took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," in order that the passage of scripture might be fulfilled that says: "They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots." This is what the soldiers did.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over his spirit.

[INTERLUDE FOUR: ANTHEM 2 BCP 281

*You may sing or read the anthem from the BCP. If worshiping with the community, it will be sung by the cantor.]*

SCENE FIVE: THE BURIAL

*Please stand as you are able.*

Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the chief priests asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may believe. For this happened so that the scripture passage might be fulfilled: "Not a bone of his will be broken." And again another passage says: "They will look upon him whom they have pierced."

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.

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

## THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

*If there are several people in your household, take turns reading these prayers, keeping silence between each one.*

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.

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;  
we pray for the church throughout the world...  
we pray for our bishop, our clergy, and all servants of the church...  
we pray for those preparing for baptism...  
we pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God...  
we pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ...  
we pray for those who do not believe in God...

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

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 our vocation and ministry we 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;  
we pray for all those who serve in public office...  
we pray for all those who serve the common good...

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

*Silence*

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 all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;  
we pray for the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed...  
we pray for the sick, the wounded, and those less abled than they would like...  
we pray for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish...  
we pray for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair...  
we pray for the sorrowful and bereaved...  
we pray for prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger...

That God in God's mercy may grant comfort and relief to all who suffer, grant us the knowledge of God's love; and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to all in need.

*Silence*

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 we may find your mercy present with us in all our afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve others for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who cannot receive the love of God;  
we pray for those who have never heard the word of love...  
we pray for those who have lost their hope...  
we pray for those consumed by fear which leads to sin...  
we pray for those who in the name of Christ have been persecuted...  
we pray for those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others...  
That God may open all hearts to love, and lead us to hope and joy.

*Silence*

Merciful God, Creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Your compassion is revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and love to all who have ears to hear; open the hearts of those who are afraid; and bring home to your fold those who have left; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Silence*

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 LORD'S PRAYER

*Say the Lord's Prayer in the version or language of your heart.*

## THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

*Read or chant the psalm as you ponder the cross and God's great gift of life, given to us through the cross.*

### PSALM 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken  
me? \*  
and are so far from my cry and from the  
words of my distress?  
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do  
not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.  
Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.  
Our ancestors put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to  
shame.  
But as for me, I am a worm and not a man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.  
All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads,  
saying,  
"He trusted in the LORD; let the LORD  
deliver him; \*  
let God rescue him, if God delights in him."



Yet you are the one who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.

Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

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.

Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*  
they pierce my hands and feet; I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far away, O God; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

## CLOSING PRAYER

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.

I will declare your name to the community; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Praise the LORD, you that are God-fearing; \*  
stand in awe of the LORD, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD'S face hidden from them; \*  
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

My praise is of God in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the LORD.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall give praise: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before the LORD.

For sovereignty belongs to the LORD, \*  
who rules over the nations.

To the LORD alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before the LORD.

My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve the LORD; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that God has done.

*The Triduum continues tomorrow with the Great Vigil.*

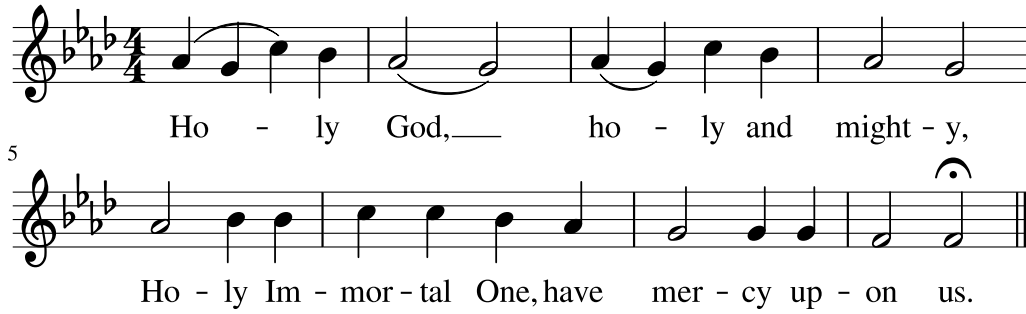
# The Great Vigil

*Sit before an unlit candle and a bowl of water, and sing the Trisagion Hymn three times. Light your candle at the end of the hymn. If you can safely pray the first part of this liturgy in candlelight, and, if there are others in your household, light candles for one another, please do.*

## HYMN

Trisagion

Alexander Archangelsky



Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,  
5 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Light the candle, saying:*

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

*Read the "Easter Proclamation". If you are joining online, listen to the offering of the Exsultet (BCP 286).*

Rejoice, all heavenly choirs of angels!  
Christ has conquered; the risen Savior shines upon you.  
This is the night in which the true Lamb is slain.  
This is the night: **this is the night.**

This the night in which the children of Israel were led through the sea.  
This is the night: **this is the night.**

This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are renewed in grace.  
This is the night: **this is the night.**

The holiness of this night restores joy to those who mourn and humbles earthly pride.  
Therefore this night, O God, receive our praise for the resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
May Christ, the Morning Star, rising from the grave,  
shed light on the whole human race.  
And we pray, O God: preserve and protect your church,  
giving us peace, in this time and forever. **Amen.**

## THE VIGIL LESSONS

*Choose from among these readings from the Hebrew Scriptures, reading as many as you decide. Each of these readings tell of the great redemptive acts which God has done for God's people from earliest times. You may conclude each reading with the prayer and/or hymn offered.*

THE STORY OF CREATION    GENESIS 1:1 – 2:4A

**Hymn:** Many and Great, O God, are thy works, H385

**Prayer:** O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*About this reading:* Especially now, we long for an ordered world. In spite of death and sorrow, the resurrection of Jesus Christ contains the promise of a new creation into which we are always called. Baptized into his death and resurrection, we are made witnesses to God's new creation, and it is very good.

THE FLOOD    GENESIS 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:8-18; 9:8-13

**Prayer:** Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*About this reading:* This story, perhaps more familiar to many humans than any other from scripture, reminds us of the many trials that all of humanity has faced throughout our history, and of God's redeeming, restoring grace.

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA    EXODUS 14:10--15:1

**Hymn:** *Go down Moses*, LEV 228

**Prayer:** O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham and Sarah, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*About this reading:* We long for freedom from fear and confusion, sin and death. The resurrection of Christ brings us through the sea to new life, and baptism has enacted that exodus.

SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL    ISAIAH 55:1-11

**Prayer:** O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*About this reading:* The joy and open invitation of God spoken through Isaiah reminds us that God's purposes never fail, and God's purpose is to love all of creation.

A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT    EZEKIEL 36:24-28

**Prayer:** Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are 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. **Amen.**

*About this reading:* In the new life that we anticipate on this holy night and during this strange and challenging time apart, God is doing something new with us, as God has done through all time.

#### THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES    EZEKIEL 37:1-14

**Hymn:** *Spirit of the Living God*, LEV 115

**Prayer:** Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*About this reading:* We are the dry bones. The Spirit of God, poured out from Christ's death and resurrection, makes us alive together with him, a whole people standing together in new life, even when we are separated from each other.

#### THE PROMISE OF GOD'S MERCY    JONAH (yes, all of it)

**Hymn:** *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* ([link](#))

*About this reading:* We are Jonah, the one who avoids God's call, and who sulks when God cares for those whom we do not like. Laugh at the absurdity of Jonah and ourselves even as you remember that God is "a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love."

#### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE    ZEPHANIAH 3:12-20

**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. **Amen.**

*About this reading:* Rejoice as a daughter of God's people, just as God rejoices over YOU!

## THE EASTER LESSONS

### EASTER ACCLAMATION (said three times)

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

*If you have bells, ring them! You may also turn on lights or light some more candles.*

### COLLECT OF THE VIGIL

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. **Amen.**

### THE EPISTLE

### Romans 6:3-11

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Church at Rome.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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

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

### Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia*

*You may sing the Alleluia before the gospel is read.*



### GOSPEL **Matthew 28:1-10**

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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 worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

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

*You may repeat the Alleluia after the gospel is read.*

### THE APOSTLES CREED

*We will renew our baptismal vows together during our Easter Morning (Zoom) Prayer. Tonight, in remembrance of your baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, confess the Apostles creed:*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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.  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

*Make the sign of the cross on your forehead with water from the bowl.*

## 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 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.

*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; for the Pacific, the Columbia, and the Willamette; 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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Say the Lord's Prayer in the version or language of your heart.*

*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.**

*And finally, three times:*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CHRIST IS RISEN! – HE IS RISEN INDEED  
CHRISTOS ANESTI! – ALITHOS ANESTI!  
AL MASEEH QAM! – HAQQAN QAM!  
CHRISTUS RESURREXIT! – VERE RESURREXIT!  
CRISTO HA RESUCITADO! – VERDADERAMENTE HA RESUCITADO!  
CHRIST EST RESSUSCITÉ! – EN VÉRITÉ, IL EST RESSUSCITÉ!  
KHRISTOS VOSKRES! – VOISTINU VOSKRES!



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