

a journey through
HOLY WEEK
at home



art by Dawn Luecke

Dear Church,

During this pandemic, we must fast from coming together and sharing Holy Communion each week. It's a particular sacrifice not to meet together as Christ's church, but especially during Holy Week, the high water mark of the Christian year. And yet in times of such crisis, we remember that God is sovereign, working all things according to his plan, for his glory and our good. So we should expect God to meet us in this time, even when we can't meet together. Our attention, especially now, should be Godward, expecting great things from him.

Recognizing the irreplaceable nature of Eucharistic worship, we still have an opportunity to practice our faith in our homes, as individuals, families, roommates, and even neighbors in this strange season. In order to make Holy Week as meaningful as possible, we are providing this packet of liturgies as a resource to guide our prayers and worship in this most important week.

Each service is modified from the Book of Common Prayer for home worship. We encourage you to work through each of these services. For those worshipping with small children, we've tried to make each service as family-friendly as possible with suggestions and activities along the way. Please include your children and feel free to make adjustments. Each service has an interactive element—branches, candles, Stations of the Cross, rocks, bells, etc.

I recognize that those who live alone may feel particularly alienated at this time. Please reach out to me if you'd like to explore virtual ways of connecting with others during Holy Week.

Also, I invite everyone to join us for Morning and Evening Prayer, Monday through Friday, during Holy Week via Zoom.

Praying for a Blessed Holy Week at Home for our Church!

In Christ,

Blake+

PALM SUNDAY

— GATHERING TOGETHER —

Responses are indicated in **boldface**.

Concerning the Service

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, calls to mind the triumphal entry of Jesus, our Lord and King, into Jerusalem. The procession is fundamentally an act of worship, witness, and devotion to our Lord.

Palm Sunday is unique in having two Gospel readings. Originally there were two distinct liturgies. The palms were blessed and the Triumphal Entry Gospel was read outside of the church building. The door of the church represented the gate through which Jesus entered the city.

The purpose of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem was to fulfill his Father's will; thus it is fitting that this service continues with the reading of the Passion Gospel in which the whole story of the week is anticipated. The emphasis of the liturgy turns to the days that lie ahead in Holy Week. We who hail Jesus as King one moment, may in the next deny him, even joining with the crowd in shouting, "Crucify him!"

Instructions for this Service at Home

If praying with more than one person, designate a leader.

Optional: Gather palms or other leafy branches to be waved at the processional hymn. When worshipping as a family or with a small group, you may wish to form a processional.

Music for this service, and all our holy week services, can be found at: holycrosscrozet.org/holyweek

A children's activity sheet and palm leaf coloring page can be found [here](#). Also this [video](#) and [lesson](#) may be a helpful way for children to learn more about the Triumphal Entry.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The leader initiates the opening anthem:

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The leader greets the people, inviting them to participate in the celebration using these or other similar words:

Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a Cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Matthew 21:1-11

All standing, the leader reads the Triumphal Entry Gospel, first saying:

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the scripture is read:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The leader continues:

Let us pray.

We praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. Grant that we who bear them in his Name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The opening anthem may be repeated:

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

If forming a processional, the following anthem is said at points along the journey:

Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Words: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; tr. John M. Neale, 1851; Music: Melchior Teschner, 1614; harm. William H. Monk, 1861.

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a 'Refrain' section. The lyrics are: 'All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!'. This is followed by a four-part setting of the opening lines: '1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou 2 The people of the Heavens with 3 To thee, before thy passion, they 4 Thou didst accept their praises; accept'. The next section is marked '11' and contains the lyrics: 'David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high except the prayers we bring, who in all good de-'. The final section is marked '14' and is labeled 'to Refrain', with lyrics: 'comest, the King and blessed One. an-thems before thee we present. alt-ed, our melody we raise. light-est, thou good and gracious King!'. The score includes a 'Fine' marking at the end of the first section.

— HEARING GOD’S WORD —

THE PASSION

Matthew 27:1-54

Before the scripture is read:

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the scripture is read:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

HYMN

Who Is Like the Lord our God?

Words: © 2013 Wendell Kimbrough; from Psalm 113, Phil 2:3; Music: Bruce Benedict & Wendell Kimbrough, from *Hallel Psalms - Cardiphonia Compilation*

1. Our Fa - ther he lifts from the ash-es — He rais - es — the poor and the
 2. Though e - qual to God in — his glo - ry, — Christ Je - sus — be - came like a
 3. O Saints, fix — your eyes on — the Sav - ior And count all — your righ - teous-ness

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 lost. — He seats them to dine at — His ta - ble, to feast with - out mon - ey — or
 slave; — He hum - bled him - self in — o - be - dience to Death, and the Cross, and the
 lost. — Be found in — his love and his fa - vor, and share in — his death — on the

8
 cost. — The lone - ly — he set - tles in fam - 'lies — The bar - ren, a mo - ther he
 Grave. — Vic - tor - ious, he rose — to the high - est; In glo - ry, — the Sav - ior — was
 cross. — That all of — His pow - er — in vic - t'ry, — Im - par - ted — to you, may a -

12
 makes. — O hap - py — the heart of — the stran - ger who's wel - comed by this King of
 raised. — His name a - bove all names ex - al - ted; The heav - ens and earth sing His
 bound; — And shar - ing — the suff - 'rings of Je - sus, You share in — His glo - ry — and

REFRAIN

16 Grace. Who is like the Lord our God? Who with glo - ry
 praise. Who is like the Lord our God? Who with glo - ry
 crown. Who is like the Lord our God? Who with glo - ry
 20 fills the sky? But hum - bles him - self with the bro - ken to dwell who is like our
 24 God?

— THE PRAYERS —

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

THE COLLECTS

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Increase, O God, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril and pandemic we may uphold one another, in suffering tend to one another, and in homelessness, loneliness, or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, until the disciplines and testing of these days are ended, and you again give peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

PETITIONS

Offer intercessions and thanksgivings as you are led.

HYMN

Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights

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1 Through - out these Lent - en days and nights we turn to walk the pil - grim way, where,
2 The pil - grim Christ, the Lamb of God, who found in weak - ness great - er power, em -
3 We bear the sil - ence, cross, and pain of hu - man bur - dens, hu - man strife, while
4 And though the road is hard and steep, the Spir - it ev - er calls us on through



5 meet - ing Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till East - er day.
brac - es us, though lost and flawed, and leads us to his ris - ing hour.
sis - ters, bro - thers help sus - tain our cou - rage till the feast of life.
Cal - vary's dy - ing, dark and deep, un - til we see the com - ing dawn.

So, let us choose the path of one
who wore, for us, the crown of thorn,
and slept in death, that we might wake
to life on Resurrection Morn!

Rejoice, O sons and daughters! Sing
and shout hosannas! Raise the strain!
For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings
on Easter Day will live again!

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Concerning the Service

The Paschal mystery—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ—is at the heart of the Christian Gospel. The evening of Maundy Thursday begins the Triduum (the sacred three days).

Maundy Thursday receives its name from the mandatum (commandment) given by our Lord: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” (John 13:34). At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples’ feet and commanded them to love and serve one another as he had done. This day commemorates the Lord’s example of servant ministry, the institution of the Eucharist, the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal leading to the crucifixion.

In these extraordinary circumstances we are prevented from sharing Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday. As we remember, however, that Jesus instituted this meal on this night, we ask that in our fast he reveal the mysterious riches of this Sacrament and kindle an ever deepening hunger for the “bread which endures to eternal life” until we can partake of it together again.

Instructions for this Service at Home

If praying with more than one person, designate a leader.

Optional: Set a white table cloth on your dining room table. Light a candle and place it on the table at the beginning of the service. This will be your “altar.” You may also place a cross on the table. You may also want a black cloth for the stripping of the altar.

The ceremony of the washing of feet may be observed in your home. Prepare a basin of water and towels.

— GATHERING TOGETHER —

*Responses are indicated in **boldface**.*

THE ACCLAMATION AND GREETING

Blessed be our God.

Now and for ever. Amen.

The leader may say:

This is the night that Christ the Son of Man gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night that Christ our Lord and Master took a towel and washed the disciples’ feet, calling us to love one another as he has loved us.

This is the night that Christ our God gave us the holy feast, that whenever we eat and drink at his table we may proclaim his perfect sacrifice.

This is the night that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose most dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: since we cannot receive the sacrament now, mercifully grant that you would kindle our hearts and minds to an ever deepening love of the true bread from heaven which gives life to the world, that our joy may increase when we share in this holy supper again with your people and your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Read the following Scriptures. If worshipping with small children, you may choose to read only John 13:1-15.

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 78:15-26

1 Corinthians 11:23-26(27-34)

John 13:1-15 or Luke 22:14-30

THE FOOT-WASHING

The leader says the following:

Fellow servants 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 worldly power and authority, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to come forward, that we may recall whose servants we are by following the example of our Master. Come now remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others. Engrave on your hearts and mirror in your actions Jesus' words: "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."

When in a family or group, each person will wash the feet of one or more of the others. Afterwards, the leader says the following Scriptures:

The Lord Jesus, rising from supper, laid aside his outer garments, took a towel, and washed his disciples' feet. Then he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

John 13:12,14

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

John 13:34

HYMN

You Came to Us

by Edmund Clowney

1. You came to us, dear Je - sus, in our dy - ing,
2. You came to us, dear Je - sus, in our fear - ing;
3. You came to us, dear Je - sus, in Your bro - thers
4. You came to us, dear Je - sus, in Your dy - ing,
as bro - ken, bleed - ing, we could make no sign.
our dread, the lash ing waves, the temp est shrill.
in pri - son, need - y, hung - ry, sick, and cold;
Your wounds poured love as blood up - on the tree.
Com - pas - sion, Lord, brought You where we were ly - ing
Com pas sion, Lord, drew You to us and near - ing, -
Com - pas - sion, Lord, sees You in all these o - thers,
Com - pas - sion, Lord, from Cal - va - ry is cry - ing
to lift us up and pour on oil and wine.
to wind and wat - er, You said "Peace, be still."
in touch - ing them, our Sav - ior's hand we hold.
"Bind up their wounds as You would do for me!"

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.

John 18:1

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

by James Montgomery and Rachel Wilhelm

1. Go to dark Geth-se-ma-ne, ye that feel the temp-ter's pow'r.
 2. Fol-low to the judge-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
 3. Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a-dor-ing at his feet,

6
 Your Re-dee-mer's con-flict see, watch with him one bit-ter hour.
 O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus-tained!
 Mark that mir-a-cle of time, God's own Sac-ri-fice com-plete;

11
 Turn not from his griefs a-way, Learn of Je-sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suff-ring, shame or loss; Learn of him to bear the Cross.
 It is fin-ished, hear his cry; Learn of Je-sus Christ to die.



"Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane" | Michael D. O'Brien

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

At the end of the liturgy, solemnly extinguish the candle and remove the white table cloth. Place a black cloth (or some piece of black material) over the altar. As you are stripping the altar, someone may read Psalm 22.

GOOD FRIDAY

Concerning the Day

Good Friday is the second day of the Triduum (the sacred three days). This most somber of all days is appropriately marked by fasting, abstinence, and penitence, leading us to focus on Jesus and the meaning of his Cross.

Rather than one service, we recommend the following practices throughout the day.



"Jesus Carries His Cross" | Michael D. O'Brien

— GOOD FRIDAY SCHEDULE —

MORNING PRAYER AT 7:30 A.M.

Join us for Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom. Link here: <https://zoom.us/j/370954694>

THE PASSION NARRATIVE

At 12 p.m. read the passion narrative from John 18-19 either alone or in a family or group.

MUSIC

Check holycrosscrozet.org/holyweek for special musical selections.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At a suitable time during the day, either as an individual, small group, or family, pray through the Stations of the Cross.

Link: [Stations of the Cross](#) with artwork by Michael D. O'Brien

You may print each page and set up stations in your home or outside. Work through the stations, meditate on the picture and read the Scripture. This can be done with small children. You may want to ask simple questions: *What do you see in this picture? What is happening to Jesus?, etc.*

GIVE AN OFFERING

On Good Friday we are taking up a special offering for the Diocese of Lango as well as for those in our area facing financial hardship. Give a special offering above your regular tithes and offerings here: holycrossva.org/give (select Good Friday fund)

EVENING PRAYER AT 4:30 P.M.

This modified Evening Prayer service will include a short homily by Fr. Blake. Link here: <https://zoom.us/j/753827196>

HOLY SATURDAY

Concerning the Service

On Saturday morning, pray through the following liturgy either alone, in a small group, or with family. There is no celebration of the Eucharist on this day.

Children's Activity

Create a Resurrection Garden. Gather rocks and flowers. Make a tomb with an opening out of rocks. Place flowers around it. Cover the entrance of the tomb with rocks. On Easter morning, have your children open the tomb and say, "He is Risen!"



by Roxolana Luczakowsky Armstrong

— HOLY SATURDAY —

Responses are indicated in **boldface**.

THE COLLECT

The leader says:

Let us pray.

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

O God of the living, on this day your Son our Savior descended to the place of the dead: Look with kindness on all of us who wait in hope for liberation from the corruption of sin and death, and give us a share in the glory of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Read the following Scriptures. A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

Job 14:1-14

Psalms 130 or 88 or 31:1-6

1 Peter 4:1-8

Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

After the scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM

The following is then sung or said.

**Man born of woman has but a short time to live,
and is full of misery.
He springs up, and is cut down like a flower;
he flees like a shadow,
and never continues the same.**

**In the midst of life we are in death:
of whom do we seek strength,
but you, O Lord,
who for our sins are justly displeased?**

**Yet, O Lord God most holy,
O Lord most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the pains of eternal death.**

**You know, O Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not your ears to our prayer;
but spare us, Lord most holy,
O God most mighty,
O holy and merciful Savior,
most worthy Judge eternal,
do not let us, in this our final hour,
through the pain of death, fall away from you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Leader and People together pray the Lord's Prayer. The concluding doxology is customarily omitted.

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

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

SATURDAY EVENING - THE EXSULTET

Check holycrosscrozet.org/holyweek for a chanting of The Exsultet.

EASTER SUNDAY

Christ is Risen!

Share a special meal, brunch or lunch, with your family, roommates, or a friend.

Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with the following Morning Prayer service. Take a video of you (and others) shouting the acclamation, ringing bells, etc.! Send them to Blake (blake@holycrossva.org or text to 205-331-8666). The collection sent will be shared with the church.



by Carrie Montalto

– GATHERING TOGETHER –

Responses are indicated in **boldface**.

HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.; Music: Ellacombe; © Oxford University Press

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

The leader initiates the opening anthem:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

At this acclamation, ring bells or use noise makers to celebrate!

HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Words: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862.; Music: Ode to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1864

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
3. Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest field,
4. Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heav - 'nly grace,
5. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high!

sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal, on the ho - ly East - er morn.
which will all its full a - bun - dant at His sec - ond com - ing yield.
rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of Thy face,
Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry!

He, who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by His might - y en - ter - prise;
Then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore Him wave,
that we, with our hearts in heav - en, here on earth may fruit - ful be,
Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!

Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
we with Him to life e - ter - nal by His res - ur - rec - tion rise.
rip - ened by His glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with Thee.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

– HEARING GOD’S WORD –

THE PSALM

Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24

14 The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

15 **Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,**

16 the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

17 **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

23 **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

After the scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

After the scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

***He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.***

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

***He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.***

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

***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.***

— THE PRAYERS —

THE SUFFRAGES

O Lord, show us your mercy;

And grant us your salvation.

O Lord, save our nations;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

And make your chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save your people;

And bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And take not your Holy Spirit from us

THE COLLECTS

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

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise

you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Increase, O God, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril and pandemic we may uphold one another, in suffering tend to one another, and in homelessness, loneliness, or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, until the disciplines and testing of these days are ended, and you again give peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

PETITIONS

Offer intercessions and thanksgivings as you are led.

HYMN

Resurrection Hymn

Words and Music by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty.



1. See, _____ what a morn - ing, glo - rious - ly bright, with the
 2. See _____ Ma - ry weep - ing, "Where _____ is He laid?" As in
 3. One _____ with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; Fold - ed the grave clothes,
 sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb; Hears _____ a voice speak - ing,
 Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty, hon - our and bless - ing,



tomb _____ filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce Christ is ris - en! _____
 call - ing her name; It's the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to life _____ a - gain! _____
 glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty! _____



See God's sal - va - tion _____ plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, _____ paid in
 The voice that spans the _____ years, speak - ing life, stir - ring hope, _____ bring - ing
 And we are raised with _____ Him, death is dead, love has won, _____ Christ has



sa - cri - fice, _____ ful - filled in Christ, the _____ Man, for He
 peace _____ to us, _____ will sound till He ap - pears, for He
 con - quered; _____ And we shall reign with _____ Him, for He



lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead! _____
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead! _____
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead! _____

OFFERING

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A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Words: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862.; Music: Ode to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1864

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise
Sing to God a hymn of gladness; sing to God a hymn of praise
He who on the cross a victim; for the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ the King of Glory now is risen from the dead

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia! to the Savior, who has won the victory
Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity
Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty

THE GRACE

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



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