

# Holy Cross Episcopal Church

To know Christ and to share him.



*Serving Jesus, Winter Haven, and surrounding communities since 1970.*

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Sunday Services: 8:00 am Rite I 10:00 am Rite II

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Welcome to Holy Cross! As you await the start of the morning service, please honor the tranquility of this sacred space and prepare for worship in silent prayer. The first half of the service is devoted to prayer, the reading of God's word and the sermon.

During the second half of the service, you will be invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. If you are baptized, you are welcomed to come forward and receive of the Holy Eucharist. If you do not desire to receive communion, you are encouraged to come forward for a blessing or you may remain in your pews.

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**Great Easter Vigil**

**April 20, 2019**



◆ = Please stand.

## The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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

*Deacon:* The light of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God. 3X**

**The Exsultet** BCP, 286  
*Jeff Miars*

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; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Deacon:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Deacon:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Deacon:* 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.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Celebrant:* Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

**The story of Creation** Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
*Jeff Miars*

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the 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. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So 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. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth,

and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then 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. The 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. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So 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. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And 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. God 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.

Then 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."

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

God 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." God 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. And 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. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. 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. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 36:5-10**                      *Dixit injustus*                      BCP, 632

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O Lord.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your  
wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your  
delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who  
know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*(Silence)*

*Celebrant:* 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.**

**Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea**

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

*Rev. Betty Harrison*

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth.

As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then 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. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 8                      The Song of Moses    BCP, 85**  
*Cantemus Domino                      Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled  
into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the  
gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in re-  
nown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; \*

the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you re-  
deemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your  
holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O  
Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has estab-  
lished.

The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*(Silence)*

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 sal-  
vation 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 rejoice in the  
inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Salvation offered freely to all**      Isaiah 55:1-11  
*Rev. David Averill*

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not  
bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Is-  
rael,  
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy  
on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the  
earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 9      The First Song of Isaiah**  
Ecce, Deus      Isaiah 12:2-6  
*Holy Cross Choir*      Renew, 122

Surely it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say,  
give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great  
things,  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion; ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy  
One  
of Israel.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*(Silence)*

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.**

**A new heart and a new spirit** Ezekiel 36:24-28

*Illisa Gaellen*

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I  
will take you from the nations, and gather you from  
all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I  
will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be  
clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your  
idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you,  
and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will re-  
move from your body the heart of stone and give  
you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you,  
and make you follow my statutes and be careful to  
observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the  
land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be  
my people, and I will be your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 42:1-7** *Quemadmodum* BCP, 643

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living  
God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence  
of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is  
your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into  
the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

7 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of  
my countenance, and my God.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*(Silence)*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal  
mystery established the new covenant of reconcilia-  
tion: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellow-  
ship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives  
what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

**The valley of dry bones**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Jeanne Icenhour*

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he  
brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me  
down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.  
He led me all around them; there were very many  
lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said  
to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered,  
"O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me,  
"Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry  
bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the  
Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to en-  
ter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you,  
and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover

you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 143**      *Domine, exaudi*      BCP, 798

1 Lord, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; \*  
answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, \*  
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 For my enemy has sought my life;  
he has crushed me to the ground; \*  
he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

4 My spirit faints within me; \*  
my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the time past;  
I muse upon all your deeds; \*  
I consider the works of your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to you; \*  
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

7 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; \*  
do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,  
for I put my trust in you; \*  
show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, \*  
for I flee to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; \*  
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

11 Revive me, O Lord, for your Name's sake; \*  
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught, \*  
for truly I am your servant.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*(Silence)*

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.**

**Concluding Collect**      BCP, 292

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**      BCP, 292

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

**People: I do.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

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

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

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

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

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

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

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

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

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

*Celebrant:* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

**"Sing Praise To Our Creator"**

**Hymnal, 295**

Sing praise to our Creator,  
O you of Adam's race—  
God's children by adoption,  
baptized into his grace.

To Jesus Christ give glory,  
God's co-eternal Son;  
as members of his Body  
we live in him as one.

And praise the Holy Spirit  
poured forth upon the earth;  
who sanctifies and guides us,  
made strong in our rebirth.

***Celebrant and people:  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!***

**Canticle:**

Hymn, 180

***"He Is Risen, He is Risen"***

He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed;  
Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore—  
sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning,  
hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
not one darksome cloud is dimming  
yonder glorious morning ray,  
breaking o'er the purple east,  
symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

**Collect of the Day**

BCP, 295

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through

Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### First Lesson

Romans 6:3-11

Reader: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 114

BCP, 756

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

## Sequence Hymn

Hymnal, 178

### "Jesus Is Lord Of All The Earth"

#### Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

**Refrain**

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen

**Refrain**

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live for ever.

**Refrain**

Come, let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Savior

**Refrain**

## The Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

Reader: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Homily

Rev. Deke Miller

**Prayers of the People** Form III BCP, 387

The Leader and people pray responsively.

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

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

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

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **Especially Ann, Anne, Billie Jo, Daphne, Davis, Donna, Fred, Gloria, Jennie, Joanne, Karen, Liz, Melissa, Sandy, Stephanie, Steve, Tammy, and William. That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Michael.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

(Silence)

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

**Confession of Sin** BCP, 360

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

(Silence.)

**Celebrant and People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not**

**loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

**\*The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory**

*Celebrant:* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8

**The Doxology**

Hymnal, 380: 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**The Holy Eucharist Prayer A**

BCP, 361

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## The Sanctus

Hymnal, S-129

### **Celebrant and People:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### **Celebrant and People:**

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior As our Savior Christ has taught us, has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **People and Celebrant:**

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

### **Angus Dei**

Hymnal, S-164

**Jesus, Lamb of God:  
Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins:  
Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world:  
Give us your peace.**

(Silence)

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

**People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Post Communion Prayer

BCP, 365

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**Celebrant and People:** *Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## The Blessing

**Celebrant:** The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

Hymnal, 207

**"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

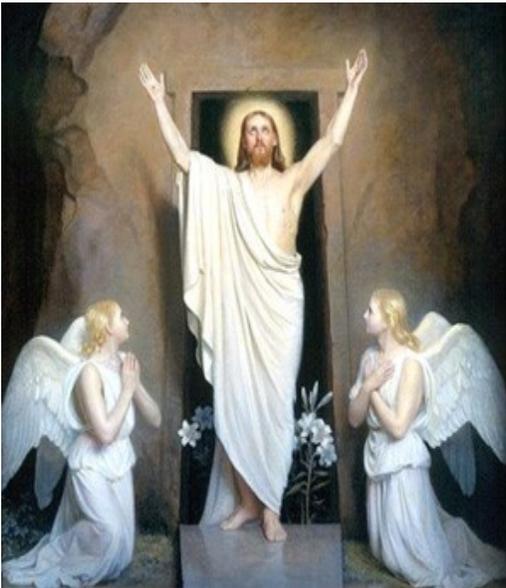
But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**



*God bless you!*

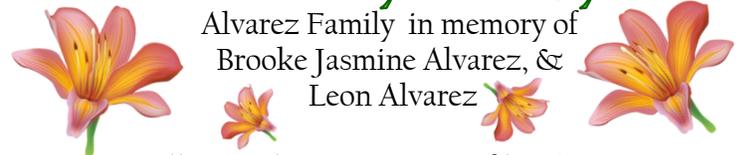
*See you tomorrow morning  
for the Easter Service!*

*We'll make the Flower Cross!*

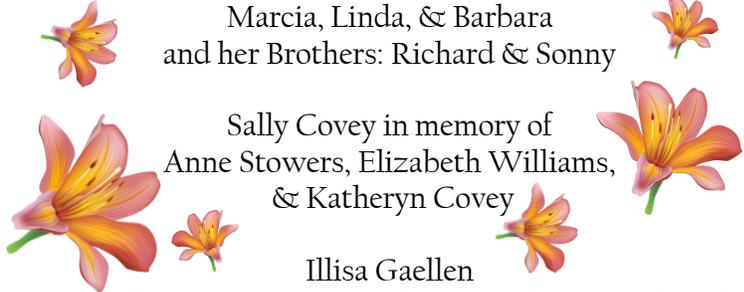
*Potluck brunch and Easter Egg Hunt  
following the 10:00 am service!*

**The Lilies at the altar are given this day  
to the Glory of God by:**

Alvarez Family in memory of  
Brooke Jasmine Alvarez, &  
Leon Alvarez



Donna Brilliant in loving memory of her Sisters: Marge,  
Marcia, Linda, & Barbara  
and her Brothers: Richard & Sonny



Sally Covey in memory of  
Anne Stowers, Elizabeth Williams,  
& Katheryn Covey

Illisa Gaellen

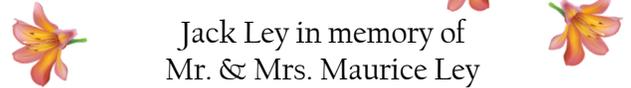
In thanksgiving our Savior, for our Holy Cross Church  
Family, for her own family, & in memory of  
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Joyce Booth, Peg & Tom Brandon, Loretta Buhler,  
Tina Mae Brooks, Charlie Coffin, Hal Cory, Delores Cos-  
tello, Betty Enzor, Larry Gavin, Almamae Girard, Chris-  
tine Grant, Stanley Jezior, Bob & Margaret Koo, Don  
Kennon, Margaret Lawson, Betty MacCalla, George Og-  
burn, Dennis Owens, Doreen Phelps,  
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Aunt Diane in memory of  
Michael Gatto

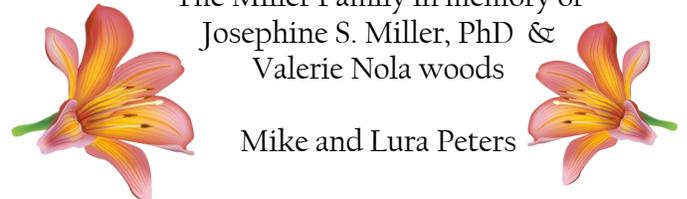


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Jack Ley in memory of  
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Ley

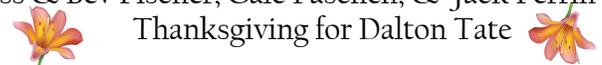


The Miller Family in memory of  
Josephine S. Miller, PhD &  
Valerie Nola woods

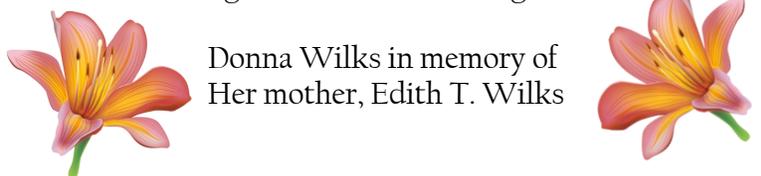


Mike and Lura Peters

Sara Test in memory of  
Mary Jean Raub, Joyce Test, Charles Test, Jackie Lawn,  
Ross & Bev Fischer, Cale Paschen, & Jack Perrin and in  
Thanksgiving for Dalton Tate



Billie Jo Whidden in memory of  
Her mother, Billie Hough Worsham &  
her great Aunt, Bertha Bergman.



Donna Wilks in memory of  
Her mother, Edith T. Wilks