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Lord's
Supper*

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the Passion
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† *Easter Vigil*



Easter
TRIDUUM

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What is the Triduum?

During Holy Week (Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday), we remember the final days of Jesus' earthly life.

These events culminate in the last three days of Holy Week—the Triduum.



*The Triduum is a series of three special liturgies: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On **Holy Thursday**, we recall in full detail, The Last Supper and the gift of the Eucharist (the source and summit of our faith). Holy Thursday also reminds us of our call to serve others!*

*During the **Good Friday** Veneration of the*

Cross, we remember Jesus' Passion and Death. In this somber service we show a love and respect for the cross in appreciation for Christ's eternal sacrifice.

*Finally, the Easter Vigil or **Holy Saturday** begins after the sun sets. Contrary, to popular belief, it is the Sacred Paschal Triduum and **not** Easter Sunday that is the greatest celebration of the Liturgical Year! It leads us from the darkness of Jesus' death and placement in the tomb to the light of his resurrection!*

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

On Tuesday, the priests and deacons of the Diocese of Fall River gathered at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption for the Chrism Mass. At this Mass, clergy renewed their vocational call to Christ and the Church. Bishop Edgar da Cunha also blessed the Oils of the Catechumens, the Sick and the Chrism. These oils, used throughout the year to impart spiritual strength in ministering to the Body of Christ, are extracted from olives while the Chrism is mixed with balm or balsam. The oils will be included in the procession at the start of this evening's Mass.

PRESENTATION OF THE OILS

ENTRANCE HYMN..... *TABLE OF PLENTY (Daniel L Schutte)*

RF. Come to the feast of heaven and earth, Come to the table of plenty. God will provide for all that we need. Here at the table of plenty

O come and sit at my table
Where saints and sinners are friends
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
To share the cup of my love **RF.**

O come and eat without money
Come to drink without price
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
With faith and fullness of life **RF.**

INCENSING AND GREETING

GLORIA.....*Heritage Mass.....Alstott*
During the singing of the Gloria, the church bells are rung. To echo the significance of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, the bells will remain silent until we discover the resurrected Christ in the light of the Easter Vigil.

RF: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

COLLECT

O, God who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READINGExodus 12:1-8, 11-14 (39ABC)

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall stand at the head of your calendar; you shall reckon in the first month of the year. Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth of this month every one of your families must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household. If a family is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join the nearest household in procuring one and shall share in the lamb in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it. The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present, it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight. They shall take some of its blood and apply it to the doorposts and the lintel of every house in which they partake of

the lamb. That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

“This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight. It is the Passover of the LORD. For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every firstborn of the land, both man and beast, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt—I the LORD! But the blood will mark the houses where you are. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you; thus, destructive blow will come upon you.

“This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the LORD, as a perpetual institution.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM.....*OUR BLESSING CUP (Owen Alstott)*

RF. Our blessing cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

- 1.) How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the He has done for me? The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. **RF.**
- 2.) Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful one. I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. **RF.**

- 3.) To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving and I will call upon the name of the Lord. My vows to the Lord I will pay in the presence of all his people. **RF.**

SECOND READING.....1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In

the same way also the cup, 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 death of the Lord until he comes.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL.....John 13:1-15

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Master, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered and said to him, “What I

am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later.” Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well.” Jesus said to him, “Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all.” For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, “Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me ‘teacher’ and ‘master,’ and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY.....Fr. David Frederici

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION HYMN..... *Servant Song (McGargill)*

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| <p>1. What do you want of me, Lord?
Where do you want me to serve you?
Where can I sing your praises?
I am your song.</p> | <p>RF. Jesus, Jesus, you are the Lord
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way</p> |
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COMMUNION HYMN *THE SUPPER OF THE LORD (Laurence Rosania)*

RF. Precious body precious blood. Here in bread and wine. Here the Lord prepares the feast divine. Bread of love is broken now Cup of life is poured. Come share the supper of the Lord

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| <p>1.) This is the bread of God
Coming down from heaven
Giving life to us, to all the world RF.</p> | <p>3.) I am the bread of heav'n giving life to you
You that eat this bread shall never die. RF.</p> |
| <p>2.) I am the living spring of eternal life
You that drink from me shall not thirst again RF.</p> | <p>4.) All those who feed on me
Have their life in me
As I have my life in the living God RF.</p> |

The Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Following the Prayer after Communion, all kneel as Fr. David incenses the Blessed Sacrament on the altar. The Blessed Sacrament will then be reposed in the tabernacle. Parishioners are invited and encouraged spend some moments in prayer. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available to parishioners until 9PM tonight.

ADORATION HYMN *Matt Maher*

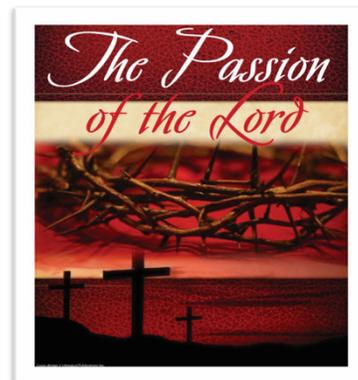
<p>Down in adoration falling This great sacrament we hail Over ancient forms departing Newer rites of grace prevail Faith for all defects supplying Where the feeble senses fail</p> <p>To the everlasting Father And the Son who reigns on high With the Spirit blest, proceeding Forth from each eternally Be salvation, honor, blessing Might and endless majesty</p>	<p>Jesus, Lamb of God, saving love for all Lord of Heaven and Earth, Father's love for all I bow to You</p> <p>Pour upon us, Lord of mercy Spirit of Thy selfless love Make of us one true heart yearning For the glory of thy Son Jesus, fire of justice blazing Gladdening light forevermore</p>
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Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Today, in accordance with the Church’s ancient tradition, Mass is not celebrated. As we celebrate the Lord’s Passion, the celebration occurs in three distinct parts: the Liturgy of the Word, the Adoration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. Upon entering the church, the altar and the sanctuary have been stripped bare marking the somberness of the last events of Jesus’ earthly life.

PRAYER

Unlike at Mass, an opening hymn is not sung. Rather Fr. David and Deacon Frank approach the altar in silence and reverence it. At this point the congregation **KNEELS** while they prostrate themselves in silent prayer. Prostration (lying on the floor with arms outstretched) is a sign of adoration, penance and supplication. Jesus himself fell prostrate in the Garden at Gethsemane. The only other time a priest or deacon falls prostrate is during his ordination.



Part One: The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READINGIsaiah 52:13-53:12 (40ABC)

See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted. Even as many were amazed at him—so marred was his look beyond human semblance and his appearance beyond that of the sons of man—so shall he startle many nations, because of him kings shall stand speechless; for those who have not been told shall see, those who have not heard shall ponder it.

Who would believe what we have heard? To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up like a sapling before him, like a shoot from the parched earth; there was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him, nor appearance that would attract us to him. He was spurned and avoided by people, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, one of those from whom people hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem.

Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, while we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; but the LORD

laid upon him the guilt of us all.

Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth. Oppressed and condemned he was taken away, and who would have thought any more of his destiny? When he was cut off from the land of the living, and smitten for the sin of his people, a grave was assigned him among the wicked and a burial place with evildoers, though he had done no wrong nor spoken any falsehood. But the LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear. Therefore I will give him his portion among the great, and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty, because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked; and he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM.....*FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT (Owen Alstott)*

RF. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

- 1.) In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me. Into your hands I commend my spirit; you will redeem me, O Lord, O faithful God.. **RF.**
- 2.) For all my foes I am an object of reproach, a laughingstock to my neighbors, and a dread to my friends; they who see me abroad flee from me. I am forgotten like the unremembered dead: I am like a dish that is broken. **RF.**
- 3.) But my trust is in you, O Lord: I say, “You are my God. In your hands is my destiny: rescue me from the clutches of my enemies and my persecutors.” **RF.**
- 4.) Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your kindness. Take courage and be stouthearted, all you who hope in the Lord. **RF.**

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SECOND READING.....*Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*

Brothers and sisters: Since 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 one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

In the days when Christ was in the flesh, he offered 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 reverence. Son through he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

THE PASSION OF THE LORD*John 18:1-19:42*

N.—Narrator	V.—Voice	there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.
† —Christ	C.—Crowd	Jesus knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them,
N. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.	†	“Whom are you looking for?”
Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So, Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went	N.	They answered him,
	C.	“Jesus the Nazorean.”
	N.	He said to them,
	†	“I AM.”

N. 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?"

N. They said,

C. "Jesus the Nazorean."

N. Jesus answered,

† "I told you that I AM. So, if you are looking for me, let these men go."

N. 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?"

N. So, the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest 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,

C. "You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?"

N. He said,

V. "I am not."

N. Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they 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 have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the 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."

N. When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said,

V. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?"

N. Jesus answered him,

† "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"

N. Then Annas sent him bound to Caiphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him,

C. "You are not one of his disciples, are you?"

N. He denied it and said,

V. "I am not."

N. One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said,

C. "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?"

N. Again, Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed.

Then they brought Jesus from Caiphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat

- the Passover. So, Pilate came out to them and said,
- V. “What charge do you bring against this man?”
- N. They answered and said to him,
- C. “If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you?”**
- N. At this, Pilate said to them,
- V. “Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law.”
- N. The Jews answered him,
- C. “We do not have the right to execute anyone,”**
- N. in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said indicating the kind of death he would die. So, Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him,
- V. “Are you the King of the Jews?”
- N. Jesus answered,
- † “Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?”
- N. Pilate answered,
- V. “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”
- N. 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 to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here.”
- N. So, Pilate said to him,
- V. “Then you are a king?”
- N. 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.”
- N. Pilate said to him,
- V. “What is truth?”
- N. When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them,
- V. “I find no guilt in him. But 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?”
- N. They cried out again,
- C. “Not this one but Barabbas!”**
- N. 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,
- C. “Hail, King of the Jews!”**
- N. And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to them,
- V. “Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him.”
- N. So, Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And Pilate said to them,
- V. “Behold the man!”
- N. When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out,
- C. “Crucify him, crucify him!”**
- N. Pilate said to them,
- V. “Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him.”
- N. The Jews answered,

C. “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.”

N. Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus,

V. “Where are you from?”

N. Jesus did not answer him. So, Pilate said to him,

V. “Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?”

N. Jesus answered him,

† “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.”

N. Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out,

C. “If you release him, you are not a friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”

N. 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 Jews,

V. “Behold, your king!”

N. They cried out,

C. “Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!”

N. Pilate said to them,

V. “Shall I crucify your king?”

N. The chief priests answered,

C. “We have no king but Caesar.”

N. Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

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 of the Jews said to Pilate,

C. “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that he said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’”

N. Pilate answered,

V. “What I have written, I have written.”

N. 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,

C. “Let’s not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be,”

N. 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.”

N. Then he said to the disciple,

† “Behold, your mother.”
N. 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.”
N. 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.”
N. And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

(Here all kneel and pause for a short time.)

N. 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 Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and that 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 come to believe. For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled:

Not a bone of it 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 for fear of the Jews, 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 Jesus Christ.

HOMILY.....Dcn. Frank

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

The following Solemn Intercessions will conclude the Liturgy of the Word. First, each intention is stated in the invitation by the priest and then the congregation prays silently for a few moments. Fr. David will then conclude each intention with a prayer. The response to each intention is "Amen."

1. For Holy Church.

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God, that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world and grant that, leading our life in tranquility and quiet, we may glorify God the Father almighty.

(Prayer in silence. Then Fr David says:)

Almighty ever-living God, who in Christ revealed your glory to all the nations, watch over the works of your mercy, that your Church, spread throughout all the world, may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing your name. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

2. For the Pope.

Let us pray also for our most Holy Father Pope Francis, that our God and Lord, who chose him for the Order of Bishops, may keep him safe and unharmed for the Lord's holy Church, to govern the holy People of God.

(Prayer in silence. Then Fr David says:)

Almighty ever-living God, by whose decree all things are founded, look with favor on our prayers and in your kindness protect the Pope chosen for us, that, under him, the Christian people, governed by you their maker, may grow in merit by reason of their faith. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

For all orders and degrees of the faithful.

Let us pray also for our Bishop Edgar da Cunha, for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of the Church and for the whole of the faithful people.

(Prayer in silence. Then Fr David says:)

Almighty ever-living God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is sanctified and governed, hear our humble prayer for your ministers, that, by the gift

of your grace, all may serve you faithfully. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

3. For catechumens.

Let us pray also for our catechumens, that our God and Lord may open wide the ears of their inmost hearts and unlock the gates of his mercy, that, having received forgiveness of all their sins through the waters of rebirth, they, too, may be one with Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Prayer in silence. Then Fr David says:)

Almighty ever-living God, who make your Church ever fruitful with new offspring, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens, that, reborn in the font of Baptism, they may be added to the number of your adopted children. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

4. For the unity of Christians.

Let us pray also for all our brothers and sisters who believe in Christ, that our God and Lord may be pleased, as they live the truth, to gather them together and keep them in his one Church.

(Prayer in silence. Then Fr David says:)

Almighty and ever-living God, who gather what is scattered and keep together what you have gathered, look kindly on the flock of your Son, that those whom one Baptism has consecrated may be joined together by integrity of faith and united in the bond of charity. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

5. For the Jewish People.

Let us pray also for the Jewish people, to whom the Lord our God spoke first, that he may grant them to advance in love of his name and in faithfulness to his covenant.

(Prayer in silence. Then Fr David says:)

Almighty and ever-living God, who bestowed your promises on Abraham and his descendants, graciously hear the prayers of your Church, that the people you first made your own may attain the fullness of redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

6. For those who do not believe in Christ.

Let us pray also for those who do not believe in Christ, that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they, too, may enter on the way of salvation.

(Prayer in silence. Then Fr David says:)

Almighty ever-living God, grant to those who do not confess Christ that, by walking before you with a sincere heart, they may find the truth and that we ourselves, being constant in mutual love and striving to understand more fully the mystery of your life, may be made more perfect witnesses to your love in the world. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

7. For those who do not believe in God.

Let us pray also for those who do not acknowledge God, that, following what is right in sincerity of heart, they may find the way to God himself.

(Prayer in silence. Then Fr David says:)

Almighty ever-living God, who created all people to seek you always by desiring you and, by finding you, come to rest, grant, we pray, that, despite every harmful obstacle, all may recognize the signs of your fatherly love and the witness of the good works done by those who believe in you, and so in gladness confess you, the one true God and Father of our human race. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

8. For those in public office.

Let us pray also for those in public office, that our God and Lord may direct their minds and hearts according to his will for the true peace and freedom of all.

(Prayer in silence. Then Fr David says:)

Almighty ever-living God, in whose hand lies every human heart and the rights of peoples, look with favor, we pray, on those who govern with authority over us, that throughout the whole world, the prosperity of peoples, the assurance or peace, and freedom of religion may through your gift be made secure. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

9. For those in tribulation.

Let us pray, dearly beloved, to God the Father almighty, that he may cleanse the world of all errors, banish disease, drive out hunger, unlock prisons, loosen fetters, granting to travelers safety, to pilgrims return, health to the sick, and salvation to the dying.

(Prayer in silence. Then Fr David says:)

Almighty ever-living God, comfort of mourners, strength of all who toil, may the prayers of those who cry out in any tribulation come before you, that all may rejoice, because in their hour of need your mercy was at hand. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

10. For an end to the pandemic

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father will head the sick, strengthen those who care for them, and help all to persevere in faith.

(Prayer in silence. Then Fr David says:)

Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence, grant recovery to those stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. Through Christ Our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Part Two: The Adoration of the Holy Cross

THE SHOWING OF THE HOLY CROSS

At this time, Deacon Frank will go to the front doors of the church where he will receive the Cross. The Cross is carried to the sanctuary in procession stopping three times: near the door, in the middle of the church and before entering the sanctuary. Each time the procession stops, the following is chanted. After each response all kneel and adore the cross for a brief moment of silence.

Dcn Frank: Behold, the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.

R. Come, let us adore.

THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

During the Adoration of the Holy Cross, we pay honor to our Lord’s cross as the instrument of our salvation—a symbol of hope and love rather than one of death and fear. Fr. David and Dcn. Frank will venerate the cross. Members of the congregation will kneel at their seats during the Adoration Hymn.

CHANT AT THE ADORATION OF THE CROSS*COME, LET US WORSHIP* (Alstott, Owen)

ADORATION HYMN.....*BEHOLD THE WOOD* (Schutte, Dan)

RF. Behold, behold the wood of the cross, on which is hung our salvation. O come, let us adore.

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| <p>1.) Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, it shall remain but a single grain and not give life. RF.</p> <p>2.) And when my hour of glory comes as all was meant to be, you shall see me lifted up upon a tree. RF.</p> <p>3.) For there can be no greater love shown upon this land than in the one who came to die that we might live. RF.</p> | <p>4.) My Father, if it be your plan, this cup might pass me by; yet let it happen as you will if I must die. RF.</p> <p>5.) For surely he has borne our tears, is wounded by our sin, and yet he opens not his mouth that we might live. RF.</p> <p>6.) My body now is torn with pain, my friends have left and gone. O loving Father take my life into your hands. RF.</p> |
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Part Three: Holy Communion

. Since, on Good Friday, we are a people “in mourning” we cannot yet celebrate the resurrected Jesus through the consecration of the bread and wine into the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ. Instead, Dcn. Frank will retrieve the ciborium with the Blessed Sacrament and place it on the stripped altar along with two lit candles.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PREPARATION HYMN *JESUS, REMEMBER ME* (Berthier, Jaques)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

COMMUNION HYMN *JESUS, REMEMBER ME* (Berthier, Jaques)

Oh how could it be
That my God would welcome me
Into this mystery
Say take this bread, take this wine
Now the simple made divine
For any to receive

By mercy, we come to your table

By your grace, you are making us faithful

Lord, we remember you
And remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship you
Our worship leads to communion
We respond to your invitation
We remember you

PRAYER & DISMISSAL

*All depart in **silence** after genuflecting toward the Cross.*

Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday)

Many wonder why the celebration of the Easter Vigil is so late. It must take place at night, so that it begins after nightfall (sunset) and ends before daybreak on Sunday. Tonight, marks the beginning of the Easter Season as we proclaim that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. Upon entering the church, we will be entering into total darkness. This symbolizes the darkness of the tomb and Jesus' death on the cross.

Part One: The Solemn Beginning of the Vigil or Lucernarium

THE BLESSING OF THE FIRE AND THE PREPARATION OF THE CANDLE

A large fire is prepared outside where the new paschal candle will be prepared for use throughout the year. Once the candle has been prepared and pierced with nails representing the five wounds of Christ, the light of the resurrected Christ will process through the darkened church and its light will be spread throughout the four corners of the church.

PROCESSION

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION (EXSULTET)

Part Two: The Liturgy of the Word

During the Liturgy of the Word, there are four Old Testament readings and two New Testament readings. The readings depict our Salvation History from the dawn of creation. After each reading the responsorial psalm is sung then all members of the congregation stand followed by a prayer from Fr. David. All may sit after each prayer. Since the church is in darkness during the Liturgy of the Word, the readings are not printed.

FIRST READING.....Genesis 1:1-2:2

SECOND READING.....Exodus 14:15-15:1

THIRD READINGIsaiah 55:1-11

FOURTH READING.....Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

After the last reading from the Old Testament with its Responsorial Psalm and prayer, the altar candles are lit, the church bells ring and the “Gloria” is sung.

GLORIA

RF: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

(Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte))

COLLECT

Let us Pray. O, God who make this most sacred night radiant with the glory of the Lord’s Resurrection, stir up in your Church a spirit of adoption, so that, renewed in body and mind, we may render you undivided service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

EPISTLE.....Romans 6:3-11

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away

with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA (Alstott, Owen)

GOSPELLuke 24:1-12(41C)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At daybreak on the first day of the week the women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling white garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, “Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been

raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and rise on the third day.” And they remembered his words. Then they returned from the tomb and announced all these things to the eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James; the others who accompanied them also told this to the apostles, but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb, bent down, and saw the burial cloths alone; then he went home amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY.....Fr. David Frederici

Part Three: Baptismal Liturgy

At this time, adults who have prepared for baptism as members of our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults are called forward.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Dear friends, let us pray to almighty God for our brother and sister, N., who are asking for baptism. He has called them and brought them to this moment; may he grant them light and strength to follow Christ with resolute hearts and to profess the faith of the Church. May he give them the new life of the Holy Spirit, whom we are about to call down on this water.

LITANY OF SAINTS

BLESSING OF THE WATERFr. David Frederici

O God, who by invisible power accomplish a wondrous effect through sacramental signs and who in many ways have prepared water, your creation, to show forth the grace of Baptism;

O God, whose Spirit in the first moments of the world’s creation hovered over the waters, so that the very substance of water would even then take to itself the power to sanctify;

O God, who by the outpouring of the flood foreshadowed regeneration, so that from the mystery of one and the same element of water would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue;

O God, who caused the children of Abraham to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea, so that the chosen people, set free from slavery to Pharaoh, would prefigure the people of the baptized; commanded his disciples: “Go forth, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” look now, we pray, upon the face of your Church and graciously unseal for her the fountain of Baptism.

May this water receive by the Holy Spirit the grace of your Only Begotten Son, so that human nature, created in your image and washed clean through the

Sacrament of Baptism from all the squalor of the life of old, may be found worthy to rise to the life of newborn children through water and the Holy Spirit.

May the power of the Holy Spirit, O Lord, we

O God, whose Son, baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan, was anointed with the Holy Spirit, and, as he hung upon the Cross, gave forth water from his side along with blood, and after his Resurrection,

pray, come down through your Son into the fullness of this font, so that all who have been buried with Christ by Baptism into death may rise again to life with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

(After the candle has been lifted out of the water, all proclaim...)

ALL: Springs of water, bless the Lord. Give him glory and praise for ever.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

At this time, Fr David will ask the baptismal candidate a series of questions to which she will reply, "I do." He is asking the candidate to renounce sin and profess their faith in God and the Church.

FR. DAVID: Do you reject Satan?

ALL: I do.

FR. DAVID: And all his works?

ALL: I do.

FR. DAVID: And all his empty show?

ALL: I do.

FR. DAVID: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

ALL: I do.

FR. DAVID: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

ALL: I do.

FR. DAVID: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

ALL: I do.

BAPTISM

Fr. David will baptize the candidate by pouring water over her head. Her godparent will place their right hand on the right shoulder of the candidate as Fr. David pours the water over her three times—baptizing her in the name of the Holy Trinity.

CLOTHING WITH A BAPTISMAL GARMENT

Assisted by her godparent, the newly baptized will be adorned with a white garment symbolizing that they are a new creation, a new member of Christ's Body.

PRESENTATION OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

*Fr. David touches the Easter candle and calls up the godparent to receive the Light of Christ and present it to the Newly Baptized. Once the Newly Baptized and her godparents return to their seats, the people's tapers are **relit**.*

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The people will now be asked to renew their own baptismal promises.

FR. DAVID: Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you: Do you reject Satan?

ALL: I do.

FR. DAVID: And all his works?

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ALL: I do.

FR. DAVID: And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

ALL: Amen.

CONCLUSION OF BAPTISM RITE

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

As the Newly Baptized and those preparing for confirmation go with their sponsors before Fr. David. He will address those to be confirmed. During this time, the choir chants Veni Sancte Spiritus.

TO THE CANDIDATES:

FR. DAVID: My dear candidates for confirmation, by your baptism you have been born again in Christ and you have become members of Christ and of his priestly people. Now you are to share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit among us, the Spirit sent by the Lord upon his apostles at Pentecost and given by them and their successors to the baptized

The promised strength of the Holy Spirit, which you are to receive, will make you more like Christ and help you to be witnesses to his suffering, death and resurrection. It will strengthen you to be active

members of the Church and to build up the Body of Christ in faith and love.

(With hands joined, Fr. David then addresses the people.)

FR. DAVID: My dear friends, let us pray to God our Father, that he will pour out the Holy Spirit on these candidates for confirmation to strengthen them with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ, the Son of God.

(All pray briefly in silence.)

LAYING ON OF HANDS

In the Catholic Church, the Laying on of Hands symbolizes not only the reception of the Holy Spirit but also signifies that we are designated for service in Jesus' name. Fr. David will lay his hands on each of the candidates.

All-powerful, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your son/daughter from sin and gave him/her life. Send your Holy Spirit upon him/her to be his/her helper and guide.

Give him/her the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill him/her with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Each candidate's godparent places his/her hand on the right shoulder of the candidate. Fr. David then dips his right thumb in the Chrism and makes the sign of the cross on each candidate's forehead instructing them to "Be Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." After each has been anointed, the Newly Confirmed return to their seats.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Part Four: The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PRESENTATION & PREPARATION OF THE GIFTSCHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT (Bernadette Farrell).

Newly Confirmed bring up the gifts

This is the night of new beginnings.
This is the night when heaven meets earth.
This is the night filled with God's glory,
Promise of our new birth!
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church
Gathered today.
This is the night Christ our redeemer
Rose from the grave triumphant and free,
Leaving the tomb of evil and darkness,
Empty for all to see.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER & SIGN OF PEACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Newly Baptized and Confirmed, along with their sponsors, will be called into the sanctuary. The Newly Baptized and Confirmed will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. After they have returned to their seats, the people may come forward to receive the Body of Christ.

COMMUNION HYMN.....TAKE AND EAT (James Quinn)

Take and eat, take and eat
This is my body given up for you
Take and drink, take and drink
This is my blood given up for you

I am the Word that spoke and light was made
I am the seed that died to be re-born
I am the bread that comes from heaven above
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN.....Alleluia, Alleluia (Beethoven)

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to Heav'n 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.

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