

HOLY WEEK 2021

HOLY SATURDAY



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Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.
Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

Holy Week Sermon Series

“Made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.”

(Charles Wesley)

The Rev. Dr. Katherine Grieb

Meade Professor in Biblical Interpretation, Virginia Theological Seminary

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

THE LITURGY OF LIGHT

The Procession arrives at the doors of the church. The Celebrant knocks on the door signaling the beginning of the Liturgy and lights the New Fire. The People rise and face the Narthex.

The Celebrant says

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.

Let us pray.

O GOD, through thy Son thou hast bestowed upon thy people the brightness of thy light: Sanctify this 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PREPARATION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Celebrant marks a Cross into the Paschal Candle and then outlines the letters of the Greek alphabet - alpha and omega – and the numerals of the current year, saying:

CHRIST yesterday and today.
The Beginning and the End.
Alpha and Omega.
His are the times and ages.
To him be glory and dominion
through all the ages of eternity. *Amen.*

The Celebrant inserts five grains of incense, saying:

THROUGH his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ the Lord
guard and preserve us. *Amen.*

The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle saying:

May the light of Christ gloriously rising scatter the darkness of heart and mind.

THE PROCESSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF LIGHT

The Deacon, bearing the Paschal Candle, leads the procession into the dark church to the chancel, pausing three times and singing

 The light of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Candles which have been distributed to the People are lighted during this Procession of Light. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand and censed. All remain standing for the Proclamation of the Resurrection (The Exsultet).

The People keep their candles lit until after the Gospel Reading.

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 splendour, for darkness hath been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let thy holy courts in radiant light resound with the praises of thy people. All ye who stand near this marvelous 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 liveth and reigneth with him, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

People The Lord be with you.
 And with thy spirit.

People Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them up unto the Lord.

People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet and right, at all times and in all places, with our whole heart and mind and voice that we should praise thee, the Invisible, Almighty and Eternal God, and thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: For he is the very Paschal Lamb, who at the Feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and deliver'd by his Blood thy faithful people.

THIS is the night, when thou didst bring 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 deliver'd from the shadow 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 thy mercy and loving kindness to us: that to redeem a slave, thou gavest a Son. O happy fault: O necessary sin of Adam which gained for us so great a Redeemer! How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. It restoreth innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casteth out pride and hatred, and bringeth 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 thine honour. Though its light is divided into many parts, it shineth undimmed, for it is fed by melting wax wrought by the bee thy servant. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knoweth no setting, find it ever burning: he who giveth his light to all creation.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to direct, sanctify and govern us thy servants, and all thy faithful family, with thy continual grace; that we may pass our time in peace and gladness, in the festival of our redemption; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *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 People sit.

The Flood

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

PSALM 46:1-7

Deus noster refugium

Plainsong (*Tone V*³)

GOD is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof rage and swell, and though the mountains shake
at the tempest of the same.
There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God;
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.
God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her, and that right early.
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved;
but God hath showed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

A period of silence is kept, following which all stand for the Collect.

COLLECT

ALmighty God, thou hast placed in the skies the sign of thy covenant with all living things:
Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to thee our
sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 22:1-18

PSALM 16:1-3, 8-12

Conserva me, Domine

Plainsong (*Tone VIII*⁵)

PRESERVE me, O God; for in thee have I put my trust.
O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my God; I have no good like unto thee.
All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth, and upon such as excel in virtue.
I will thank the Lord for giving me warning; my reins also chasten me in the night season.
I have set the Lord alway before me; for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.
Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.
For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell; neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.
Thou shalt show me the path of life: in thy presence is the fulness of joy,
and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

A period of silence is kept, following which all stand for the Collect.

COLLECT

GOD and Father of all believers, for the glory of thy Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal
sacrament, the number of thy children; that thy Church may rejoice to see fulfilled thy promise
to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Israel's Deliverance from the Red Sea

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

EXODUS 15:1-4

Cantemus Domino

Plainsong (*Tone IV*⁴)

IWILL sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously:
the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name.

A period of silence is kept, following which all stand for the Collect.

COLLECT

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

Salvation Offered Freely to All

Isaiah 55:1-11

PSALM 42:1-7

Quemadmodum

Plainsong (*Tone III*⁴)

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God:
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me,
Where is now thy God?
Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself;
for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;
In the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among such as keep holy-day.
Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?
Put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

A period of silence is kept, following which all stand for the Collect.

COLLECT

O GOD, thou hast created all things by the power of thy Word, and thou renewest the earth by thy Holy Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for thee, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in thy glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A New Heart and A New Spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-28

PSALM 19:7-14

Caeli enarrant

Plainsong (*Tone III*⁵)

THE law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever;
the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; and in keeping of them there is great reward.
Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me;
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.
Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

A period of silence is kept, following which all stand for the Collect.

COLLECT

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

HOLY BAPTISM

The Paschal Candle is taken from its stand to the font. The People remain standing.

ANTIPHON

Plainsong

OMNES qui in Christo baptizati estis,
Christum induistis, alleluia.

Afferte Domino, filii Dei: afferte Domino filios arietum.

Afferte Domino gloriam et honorem, afferte Domino gloriam nomini ejus:
adorate Dominum in atrio sancto ejus.

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, alleluia.

Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord: ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name: worship the Lord with holy worship.

Gal 3: 27 and Psalm 29: 1, 2

The Celebrant says

DEAR Friends, through the Paschal mystery, 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, as we receive this child into his holy Catholic Church by Baptism.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The People sit, and the Candidate is presented by the Parents and Godparents

I present Charlotte Jennifer Ruegg to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

A Minister asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present
is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Minister

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow
into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

*The Minister asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak
on behalf of the infant.*

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

The People stand and the Celebrant addresses the congregation

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with Charlotte who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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.

Prayers for the Candidate

Minister Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister Open her heart to thy grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister Fill her with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister Keep her in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister Send her into the world in witness to thy love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister Bring her to the fullness of thy peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant prays over the water

WE thank thee, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it thou leddest the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it thy Son Jesus received the Baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank thee, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray thee, by the power of thy Holy Spirit [*this is repeated three times as the Paschal Candle is dipped into the water,*] that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name to the Deacon who then pours water upon the candidate, saying:

Charlotte, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

THE ANOINTING WITH THE HOLY CHRISM

The Celebrant places his hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with the Holy Chrism and says

Charlotte, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

After the anointing, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

HEAVENLY Father, we thank thee that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon these thy servants the forgiveness of sins, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. *Amen.*

THE GIVING OF THE LIGHTED CANDLE

A candle is lit from the Paschal Candle and entrusted to the parents for the child.

RECEIVE the light of Christ, so that when the bridegroom comes you may go forth with all the saints to meet him; and see that you keep the grace of your Baptism. *Amen.*

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.
People We receive you into the household of God.
 Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,
 and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS

All remain standing as the Procession moves to the High Altar, the Celebrant sprinkling people with water from the font.

Litanist Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *People* Chri - ste e - le - i - son. *Litanist* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Litanist O Christ_ hear__ us. *People* O Christ, gra - cious - ly hear__ us.

Litanist O God, the Father of hea - ven, *People* have mer - cy up - on us.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost,
have mercy upon us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
have mercy upon us.

Litanist Holy Ma - ry, *People* pray__ for us.

Holy Virgin of Virgins,
pray for us.

Holy Michael,
pray for us.

Holy Gabriel,
pray for us.

Holy Raphael,
pray for us.

All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
pray for us.

All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits,
pray for us.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SETTING

Messe Cum Jubilo

Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The organ is played, and the bells are rung by the Choir and people during the first and last verse of the following hymn.

HYMN

EASTER HYMN

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Let us pray.

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, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The People sit

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

The Subdeacon concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond Thanks be to God.

THE GREAT ALLELUIA

The People stand.

This Alleluia is sung three times by the Cantor, at successively higher pitches, the Congregation repeating it each time.



THE EASTER SEQUENCE

arr. *Andrew Reid*
(b. 1971)

Victimae paschali laudes
immolent Christiani.

Christians, to the Paschal victim
offer your thankful praises!

Agnus redemit oves:
Christus innocens Patri
reconciliavit peccatores.

A lamb the sheep redeemeth:
Christ, who only is sinless,
reconcileth sinners to the Father.

[Mors et vita duello
confluxere mirando:
dux vitae mortuus,
regnat vivus.]

Death and life have contended
in that combat stupendous:
the Prince of life, who died,
reigns immortal.

Dic nobis Maria,
quid vidisti in via?

Speak, Mary, declaring
what thou sawest, wayfaring:

[Sepulcrum Christi viventis,
et gloriam vidi resurgentis:]

'The tomb of Christ, who is living,
the glory of Jesus' resurrection;

Angelicos testes,
sudarium, et vestes.

bright angels attesting,
the shroud and napkin resting.

[Surrexit Christus spes mea:
praecedet suos in Galilaeam.]

Yea, Christ my hope is arisen;
to Galilee he will go before you.'

Scimus Christum surrexisse
A mortuis vere:
tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere.

Christ indeed from death is risen,
our new life obtaining;
have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

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HYMN

STRAF MICH NICHT



1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Like the cloud that o - ver - head, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 In that cloud and in that sea, Al - le - lu - ia!



E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, Al - le - lu - ia! Deep and wide
through the bil - lows Is - rael led, Al - le - lu - ia! by his tomb
bur - ied and bap - tized were we, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth - ly night



flows the tide sev - ering us from bond - age past, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!
brought us light which is ours e - ter - nal - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!

THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

THE risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

John 20:19, 20

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

Robert Whyte
(c. 1538-1574)

REGINA coeli laetare, alleluia,
quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia,
ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.
For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear, Alleluia.
Has risen as He said, Alleluia.
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

Marian Antiphon for Eastertide

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the Preface

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times,
and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir.

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The People kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

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

Celebrant and People



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name,
thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,
but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom,
and the power and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.
The Sacrament is distributed in one kind only in the Crossing.
Gluten free hosts are available; please ask the priest.*

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those unable to receive Holy Communion)*

IBELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may
die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

AT THE COMMUNION, AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir.

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

MOTET

*John Sheppard
(c. 1515-1558)*

SALVE festa dies toto venerabilis aevo
qua Deus infernum vicit et astra tenet.
Ecce renascentis testator gratia mundo
omnia cum domino dona redisse suo.
Qui crucifixus erat Deus ecce per omnia regnat
dant creatori cuncta creata precem.
Tristia cesserunt inferni vincula legis
expavitque chaos luminis ore premi.

*Hail thee, Festival Day, blest day that art hallowed forever;
Day wherein Christ arose, bring the bower of death.
Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter arising!
Every good gift of the year, now with its Master returns.
He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ruler of all things;
All things created on earth, worship the Maker of all.
Rise now, O Lord from the grave, and cast off the shroud that enwrapped thee;
Leaving the caverns of death, show us the light of thy face.*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, kneeling.

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE SOLEMN BLESSING

MAY Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

HYMN

ST. ALBINUS

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er, death, ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to Je - sus
 3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall
 4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the world is

pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know thou, O
 liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide, glo - ry
 sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us
 giv - en: may we go where he has gone, rest and

grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
 reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Christian Furchtegott Gellert (1715-1769); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: *St. Albinus*, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)

THE EASTER DISMISSAL

Deacon
 Go, in the peace of Christ, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People
 Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

VOLUNTARY

Choral-Improvisation sur le 'Victimae paschali'

Charles Tournemire
 (1870-1939)

PARISH NOTICES

Adult Education series will not meet this Sunday (April 4). If you would like more information about this series, please contact Fr. Cheng at PCcheng@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Children and Families' Gatherings

All families are welcome to join a **Easter Day, Sunday Zoom!** at 10:15 a.m. tomorrow. If you know a family that would like to receive our regular newsletter or to obtain login information for either the Sunday Zoom! or Faith Alive, contact **Mother Turner** at ATurner@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Pilgrims' Course 2021 will not meet until Tuesday, April 13. The topic of that class will be "**When Things Go Wrong: Confession and Healing.**" The full schedule for the course [can be found at this link](#). If you are new, please [RSVP by clicking here](#). Please email Fr. Cheng at PCcheng@SaintThomasChurch.org if you would like more information about this course.

Concerts at Saint Thomas is pleased to announce that our upcoming April concerts, **The Complete Beethoven Sonatas VI** will be held on Saturday, April 10, at 3 p.m. and **Dupré: The Complete Works for Organ V** on Saturday, April 24, at 3 p.m.. Both concerts will include limited, in-person audiences. In-person tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased online. Both concerts will also be available via livestream. For tickets and more information, please visit us [HERE](#). Support *Concerts at Saint Thomas* by becoming a *Friend of Music*. To make your donation with our team, email concerts@saintthomaschurch.org or call 212-664-9360.

The Bookstore and Gift Shop is selling an inscribed Saint Thomas Church, 3-Ply Face Mask with removal PM 2.5 filter for \$8 plus shipping and taxes, where applicable. The mask may be purchased by sending an email to the Bookstore@SaintThomasChurch.org. Please be sure to include your full name, address, telephone number and mask request. We will contact you at the number provided to process your payment.

Friday Bible Study will not meet during Holy Week. The class will resume on Friday, April 9. The class runs for about an hour. For more information, contact Fr. Bennett at RBennett@SaintThomasChurch.org.

EASTER DAY 2021

PREACHER

The Rev. Dr. Katherine Grieb

Meade Professor in Biblical Interpretation, Virginia Theological Seminary

"Made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies."

(Charles Wesley)

EASTER DAY – APRIL 4

9:00 a.m. Said Mass (Rite II)
& Renewal of Baptismal Vows

**11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist
& Renewal of Baptismal Vows**
sung by the Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir
Sermon by Professor Grieb

3 p.m. Solemn Evensong & Benediction
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

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