

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

APRIL 3RD 5:00 PM

# HOLY WEEK 2023 ALL are Welcome!

### **PALM SUNDAY**

8:00AM - HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 10:30AM - RITE II WITH MUSIC 7:00PM - ON YOUTUBE The liturgy of the Palms

### MONDAY

5:00PM - HOLY EUCHARIST A quiet, spoken service with prayers from the Eastern Orthodox Service of the Bridegroom (Matthew 25:1-13)

### **TUESDAY**

5:00PM - HOLY EUCHARIST A quiet, spoken service with prayers and anointing for healing

### WEDNESDAY

12 NOON - HOLY EUCHARIST
Our usual Wednesday midday Eucharist
with intercessory prayer
7:00PM - SOLEMN EVENSONG
In the evening, a chanted service of evening prayer.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7:00PM - HOLY EUCHARIST BEGINS THE VIGIL OF THE WATCH
Holy Eucharist, sacramental washing, and the removal
of ornaments in the church in preparation for Good Friday.
The church will be open to those who wish to
follow Our Lord's request to watch with Him "one brief hour"
(Matthew 26:40)

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

12 NOON - LITURGY AT ST NICHOLAS
The principal Good Friday Liturgy will be observed at noon,
with the solemn collects and
Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament.
7:00PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
The Interactive Stations of the Cross
are a way to meditate on
Christ's journey from Pilate to the Tomb.

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

8:00PM - GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
We will gather for the Church's most solemn observancewaiting and watching for Our Lord's Resurrection.
We will light the new Paschal fire,
renew our baptismal promises and make a joyful noise.

### **SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**

8:00AM - HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 10:30AM - RITE II WITH MUSIC Join us to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior!





Welcome! It is wonderful have you with us. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've all had questions—possibly like some that you may have today.

The faith community of St. Thomas's Parish believes that everyone has been invited to follow the Way of Jesus, who commands us to love God and to love our neighbors. Therefore, we are committed to embrace and respect people of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity; people who live with all mental and physical abilities, in all socio-economic conditions, in all household compositions, and with every citizenship status, including immigrant and refugee; people who hold diverse political and theological backgrounds, beliefs, and questions. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, as God's beloved, you are worthy and welcome here!

### Today's Service

We are worshipping both in-person and via live-stream on YouTube. Full-text bulletins are distributed at all services and posted on our parish website. At the in-person service, "busy bags" for children and a dedicated sensory-friendly "soft space" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. We follow directions from our diocese for in-person pandemic precautions; masking is currently optional.

We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshiping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you would like help, ask anyone in the pews around you or speak with Fr. Howie.

### Learn More about St. Thomas's

At the end of this booklet, as well as on our website, you will find information about our weekly worship services and about opportunities to learn and grow in the faith through our Christian education programs for all ages. There also you can explore opportunities to join us in service to the Newark community through the Episcopal Campus Ministry and "Blue Hen Bounty" food pantry, through our work in support of the Newark Empowerment Center, through refugee resettlement and other programs of community service.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence is a blessing to us. Fill out a visitor card in your pew and leave it with a clergyperson or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed is our God always, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. People Amen. O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, ever-present and filling all Celebrant things, treasure of all blessings and giver of life, come and dwell within us, cleanse us from every blemish, and save our souls, O Blessed One. Amen. ΑII Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Have Mercy on us Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Have Mercy on us Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Have Mercy on us Celebrant All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, pardon our sins; Master, forgive our iniquities; O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for your Name's sake. Amen.

### Psalm 36:5-11

- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, \* and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 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.
- 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.
- 11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, \* nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

### Celebrant

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful against the adversary, and protecting Your commonwealth by Your Cross. Amen.

O Christ our God, who of Your own will was lifted up on the cross, grant Your mercies to Your new commonwealth, which bears your Name. In Your power gladden our faithful leaders, granting them victories against all adversities. May they have Your alliance as a weapon of peace and an invincible trophy. Amen.

# The Epistle Hebrews 9:11-15

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

# Sequence

Celebrant O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night

before You.

People Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry.

Celebrant In Your righteousness, O Lord, answer me. And enter not into

judgment with Your servant.

People Your spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

# The Gospel

John 12:1-11

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

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

# **Homily**

# **Prayers of the People**

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

### Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

### Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Nicholas, Blessed Thomas, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

### To thee, O Lord our God.

Celebrant For it is Yours to show mercy and to save us, O God, and to you we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. **Amen.** 

### The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

# **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.

The Celebrant stands and says 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.

### CANON OF THE MASS

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgment that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and saying:

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

The Celebrant continues We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. Christ is the bread of life:

# Celebrant and People

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

The Celebrant continues Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favor on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Nicholas, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

# The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

### Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

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have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

## The Communion

# The Post Communion Prayer

### **People and Celebrant**

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.

### Celebrant

O Lord and Master of my life, deliver me from the spirit of indolence, meddling, vain ambition, and idle talk. Grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of prudence, patience, and love. My Lord and King, grant me that I may see my own faults, and not judge my brother; for you are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen.

# The Prayer over the People

### Dismissal





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