



**WEDNESDAY
IN HOLY WEEK
SOLEMN EVENSONG**

**APRIL 5TH
7:00 PM**

HOLY WEEK 2023

ALL are
Welcome!



St Thomas's
Episcopal Parish
Newark, DE

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 observance-
waiting 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!*

God loves you. No exceptions.

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.



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 worshipping 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!

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O I will bless the Lord who / gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, / night after night.
I have set the Lord al-/ ways before me;
because he is at my right hand, / I shall not fail.

O Our help is in the Name / of the Lord;
P *The maker of / heaven and earth.*

Officiant and People: (omit 3 initial pitches)

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 neigh-/ bors 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

O Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord, / Jesus Christ, *
strengthen us in all goodness, and, by the power of the
Holy Spirit keep us in eter-/ nal life. Amen.

O O God make / speed to save us. *
P O Lord / make haste to help us.

Officiant and People:

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

Phos hilaron

Hymnal 26

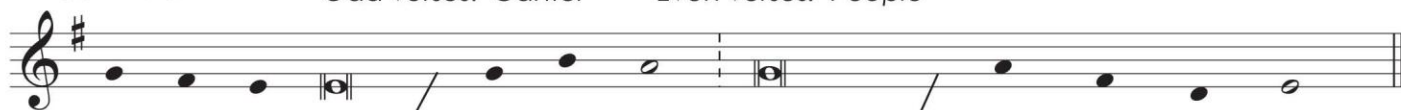
1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ,
 2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth,
 3. Wor - thy are you of end - less praise,

in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone.
 the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
 O Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord;

Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he,
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit: God
 Where - fore you are through all the earth

and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
 who dwells in the e - ter - nal - light.
 and in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

Odd verses: Cantor --- Even verses: People



- 1 Be pleased O God, to de-/ liver me; *
O Lord, / make haste to help me.
- 2 *Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth-/ er dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back / and be disgraced.*
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over / me turn back, *
because / they are ashamed.
- 4 *Let all who seek you rejoice and be / glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever, / "Great is the Lord!"*
- 5 But as for me, I am / poor and needy; *
come to me speed-/ ily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and / my deliverer; *
O / Lord do not tarry.

C Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit:

P as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for / ever. Amen

First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept before The Magnificat

The Magnificat

Cantor

The Al-might-y has done great things for me, and ho - ly is - his___Name.

C
1 My___ soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Sa - vior;

P
for he has looked with favor on his low - ly ser - vant.

C
2 From___ this day all generations will call me bless - ed:

P
the Almighty has done great things for me, and ho - ly is his Name.

C **P**
3 He___ has mercy on those who fear him, in every gen - er - a - tion.

C **P**
4 He___ has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their con-ceil.

C **P**
5 He___ has cast down the might-y from their thrones, and has lifted up the low - ly.

C **P**
6 He___ has filled the hun-gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a-way emp-ty.

C **P**
7 He has come to the help of his ser-vant Is-ra-el. for he has remembered his promise of mer-cy.

C **P**
8 The___ promise he made to our fa-thers, to Abraham and his children for ev - er.

C **(C)**
Glo - ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:

P **(P)**
As___ in was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

Repeat Antiphon (Cantor)

Second Lesson

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept before The Song of Simeon

The Song of Simeon

Cantor

These eyes of mine have seen the Sa - vior,
whom you have pre - pared for all the world to see.

Lord, you now have set your ser-vant free to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Sa-vior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlight-en the na-tions, and the glory of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:

As it was in the begin-ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

Repeat Antiphon (Cantor)

Tenebrae Responsories



C1 On the mount of Olives Jesus prayed to the Father: Father, if it be possible,
let / this cup pass from me. *

The spirit indeed is willing, but the / flesh is weak.

O Watch and pray, that you may not enter in- / to temptation. *

P *The spirit indeed is willing, but the / flesh is weak.*

C2 My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death;
remain here, and watch with me. Now you shall see the crowd
who / will surround me; *

you will flee, and I will go to be offered / up for you.

O Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed
into the / hands of sinners. *

P *You will flee, and I will go to be offered / up for you.*

C1 Lo, we have seen him without beauty or majesty,
with no looks / to attract our eyes. *

He bore our sins and grieved for us, he was wounded for
our transgressions, and by his scourging / we are healed.

O Surely he has borne our griefs and car- / ried our sorrows: *

P *And by his scourging / we are healed.*

C2 Have you come out as against a robber,
with swords and / clubs to capture me?

Day after day I sat in the temple teaching,
and you did not seize me; but now, behold, you scourge me
and lead me away to be / crucified.

O When they had laid hands on Jesus and were holding / him, he said:

P *Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not
seize me; but now, behold, you scourge me, and lead
me away to be / crucified.*

Tenebrae Responsories



- C1** Darkness covered the whole land
when Jesus / had been crucified, *
and about the ninth hour he cried with / a loud voice:
My God, my God, why have / you forsaken me? *
And he bowed his head and handed o-/ ver his spirit.
- O** Jesus, crying with a / loud voice, said: *
- P** Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
And he bowed his head and handed o-/ ver his spirit.
- C2** See how the righteous one perishes, and no one takes / it to heart. *
The righteous are taken away, and no one understands.
From the face of evil the righteous one is taken away,
and his memory shall / be in peace.
- O** Like a sheep before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth.
By oppression and judgment he was ta-/ ken away.
- P** And his memory shall / be in peace.
- C1** I was like a trusting lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was
against me that they de-/ vised schemes, saying, *
let us destroy the tree with its fruit; let us cut him off
from the land / of the living.
- O** All my enemies whispered together against me,
and devised evil a-/ gainst me, saying:
- P** Let us destroy the tree with its fruit; let us cut him off
from the land / of the living.

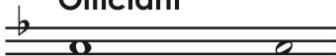
The first system of the musical score is written on a single five-line staff with a treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#), indicated by a sharp sign on the F line. The melody consists of a series of eighth notes: F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, and E4. The system ends with a double bar line.

P And the earth shook, and thief from the cross cried out,
Lord, remember me when you come in- / to your kingdom.

P And they stationed sold-/ iers to guard him.

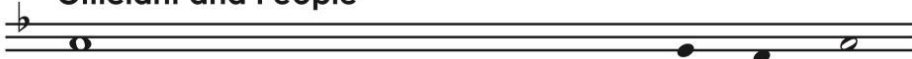
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Officiant



I believe in God,

Officiant and People



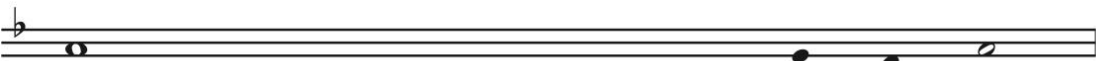
the Father almighty, creator of hea - ven and earth;



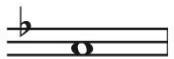
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

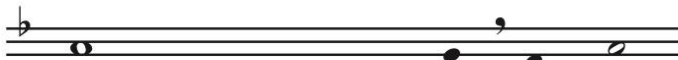
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.



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



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 everlast - ing. A - men.

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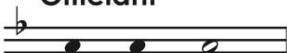
People

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Lord, hear our prayer; And let our cry come to you. Let us pray.

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Our Fa - ther,

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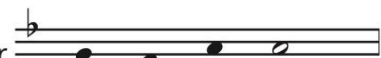


who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Glve 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 e - vil.



- C1** Show us your mercy, O / Lord;
P And grant us / your salvation.
- C2** Clothe your ministers with / righteousness;
Let your people / sing with joy.
- C1** Give peace, O Lord, in / all the world;
For only in you can we / live in safety.
- C2** Lord, keep this nation under your / care;
And guide us in the way of jus-/ tice and truth.
- C1** Let your way be known upon / earth;
Your saving health a-/ mong all nations.
- C2** Let not the needy, O Lord, be for-/ gotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be ta-/ ken away.
- C1** Create in us clean hearts, O / God;
And sustain us by your / Holy Spirit.

Officiant

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

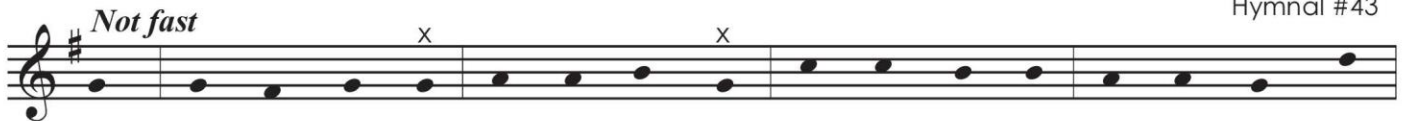
O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- Let us / bless the Lord.
P Thanks / be to God.
- The almighty and Merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy / Spirit,
bless us and keep / us. ' **Amen.**

A period of silence is kept before the final hymn

Hymn Sung in a continuous flow without stopping on the final note of each verse.
May be sung in canon, entering at the 'x'.

Hymnal #43





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