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It is evening.

We commemorate the supper of the Lord
on the night before he died.
We celebrate this sacrament of love unto death,
our participation in his priesthood,
and our mission to serve one another in love.

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper

According to the Church’s ancient tradition the tabernacle is entirely empty; a sufficient amount of bread is consecrated at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper for the communion of those gathered today and tomorrow.
INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE CHANT

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING

Priest: The Lord be with you. (Bishop: Peace be with you.)
Assembly: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT
(Form A)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING..............................................Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14, 39

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 it 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 two 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 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, when I strike the land of Egypt, no 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."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM.......................................Ps 116:12-13, 15-16BC, 17-18

Response: Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

SECOND READING..............................................I 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.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING ................................................................. JOHN 13:1-15

Deacon (or priest): The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Deacon (or priest): A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Assembly: 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."

HOMILY

Because of the current health crisis, the Washing of the Feet (Mandatum) is omitted.

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE OFFERINGS

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters…
Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

_PREFACE DIALOGUE_

Priest: The Lord be with you.
Assembly: And with your spirit.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly: It is right and just.

_HOLY, HOLY, HOLY_

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

_MYSTERY OF FAITH_

Priest: The mystery of faith.
Assembly: A. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

B. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

C. Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and
Resurrection you have set us free.
COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Assembly: And with your spirit.

FRACTION RITE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God...called to the supper of the Lamb.
Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (prayed privately)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there,
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITE

(Due to this liturgy being celebrated privately, there is no transfer of the Eucharist.)

GREETING AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL
This is a day of conversion, for the love of God is made most manifest in the death of Christ. We do not mourn for Jesus. We celebrate not sorrow, but salvation, the victory of the cross.

Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion
According to the Church’s ancient tradition, the sacraments are not celebrated today or tomorrow. At the appointed time, the ministers go in silence to the altar. Everyone kneels in silent prayer.

**PRAYER**

**PART I: LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING..................................................ISAIAH 52:13-53:12, 40**

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 shearsers, 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 him-
self to death and was counted among the wicked; and he shall take away the sins of many, and
win pardon for their offenses.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ....................... Ps. 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

Response: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

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

Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heav-
ens, 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 though 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ................................. John 18:1-19:42

The symbols of the following passion narrative represent:

+ Christ; N. narrator; V. voice; C. crowd.

N. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

N. 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 the
Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing eve-
rything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them,

+ "Whom are you looking for?"

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 Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas 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 had 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 if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"
N. Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas 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."
One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said,

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

Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed.

Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas 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,

"What charge do you bring against this man?"

They answered and said to him,

"If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

At this, Pilate said to them,

"Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law."

The Jews answered him,

"We do not have the right to execute anyone,"

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,

"Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered,

"Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"

Pilate answered,

"I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

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."

So Pilate said to him,

"Then you are a king?"

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."

Pilate said to him,

"What is truth?"

When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them,

"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?"

They cried out again,

"Not this one but Barabbas!"

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,

"Hail, King of the Jews!"

And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to them,

"Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him."

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 anoth-
er,
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.

**Assembly:** _Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ._
Homily

The Solemn Intercessions
The intercessions on this day are truly universal, for no one and no thing is exempt from the saving power of Christ’s cross.

PART II: ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Showing of the Holy Cross
Priest: Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.
Assembly: Come, let us adore.

Adoration of the Holy Cross
The priest, clergy and faithful approach to venerate the cross in a kind of procession. They make a simple genuflection or bow to the cross in reverence. We do this to remind us of God’s sacrifice and saving power in our lives.

PART III: HOLY COMMUNION

The deacon or the priest brings the ciborium with the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle to the altar without any procession, while all remain silent.

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion
Priest: Behold the Lamb of God...called to the supper of the Lamb.
Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.
RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (prayed privately)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there,
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The liturgy ends in silence.
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord’s tomb meditating on His suffering and death. It is a time for final preparations—spiritual and material—for the joyful feast of Easter.
PART I: THE SERVICE OF LIGHT
This service is abridged due to the Easter Vigil being celebrated privately.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASchal CANDLE
THE EASTER PROCLAMATION (EXSULTET)

PART II: LITURGY OF THE WORD
(The number of readings may be reduced, however, the reading from Exodus and its canticle is always done.)

First Reading..................................................Genesis 1:1-2:2

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw how good the light was. God then separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." Thus evening came, and morning followed—the first day.

Then God said, "Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters, to separate one body of water from the other." And so it happened: God made the dome, and it separated the water above the dome from the water below it. God called the dome "the sky." Evening came, and morning followed—the second day.

Then God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into a single basin, so that the dry land may appear." And so it happened: the water under the sky was gathered into its basin, and the dry land appeared. God called the dry land "the earth," and the basin of the water he called "the sea." God saw how good it was. Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it." And so it happened: the earth brought forth every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the third day.

Then God said: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth." And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the...
night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

Then God said, "Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures, and on the earth let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky." And so it happened: God created the great sea monsters and all kinds of swimming creatures with which the water teems, and all kinds of winged birds. God saw how good it was, and God blessed them, saying, "Be fertile, multiply, and fill the water of the seas; and let the birds multiply on the earth." Evening came, and morning followed—the fifth day.

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures: cattle, creeping things, and wild animals of all kinds." And so it happened: God made all kinds of wild animals, all kinds of cattle, and all kinds of creeping things of the earth. God saw how good it was. Then God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." God also said: "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food." And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed. Since on the seventh day God was finished with the work he had been doing, he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM.…………......Ps. 104:1-2A, 5-6, 10, 12 13-14, 24, 35C**

Response: **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

OR

**Ps. 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20, 22**

Response: **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

**PRAYER**
SECOND READING. .........................................................GENESIS 22: 1-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." Early the next morning Abraham saddled his donkey, took with him his son Isaac and two of his servants as well, and with the wood that he had cut for the holocaust, set out for the place of which God had told him.

On the third day Abraham got sight of the place from afar. Then he said to his servants: "Both of you stay here with the donkey, while the boy and I go on over yonder. We will worship and then come back to you." Thereupon Abraham took the wood for the holocaust and laid it on his son Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two walked on together, Isaac spoke to his father Abraham: "Father!" Isaac said. "Yes, son," he replied. Isaac continued, "Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the holocaust?" "Son," Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the sheep for the holocaust." Then the two continued going forward.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Next he tied up his son Isaac, and put him on top of the wood on the altar. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Abraham named the site Yahweh-yireh; hence people now say, "On the mountain the LORD will see."

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing--all this because you obeyed my command."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM. ..............................................Ps. 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

Response: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

PRAYER
EXODUS 14: 15:1

The LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea, split the sea in two, that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land. But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate that they will go in after them. Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and charioteers. The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I receive glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers."

The angel of God, who had been leading Israel's camp, now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left.

The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the LORD cast through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the LORD was fighting for them against the Egyptians.

Then the LORD told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the LORD hurled them into its midst.

As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one of them escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians.

When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the LORD had shown against the Egyptians, they feared the LORD and believed in him and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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Response: Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

PRAYER

FOURTH READING

The One who has become your husband is your Maker; his name is the LORD of hosts; your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, called God of all the earth. The LORD calls you back, like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, a wife married in youth and then cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great tenderness I will take you back. In an outburst of wrath, for a moment I hid my face from you; but with enduring love I take pity on you, says the LORD, your redeemer. This is for me like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah should never again deluge the earth; so I have sworn not to be angry with you, or to rebuke you. Though the mountains leave their place and the hills be shaken, my love shall never leave you nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the LORD, who has mercy on you. O afflicted one, storm-battered and unconsoled, I lay your pavements in carnelians, and your foundations in sapphires; I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of carbuncles, and all your walls of precious stones. All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. In justice shall you be established, far from the fear of oppression, where destruction cannot come near you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

PRAYER

FIFTH READING

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of
the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM.....................ISAIAH 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6

Response: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

PRAYER

SIXTH READING.............................................................BARUCH 3:9-15, 32—4:4

Hear, O Israel, the commandments of life: listen, and know prudence! How is it, Israel, that you are in the land of your foes, grown old in a foreign land, defiled with the dead, accounted with those destined for the netherworld? You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom! Had you walked in the way of God, you would have dwelt in enduring peace. Learn where prudence is, where strength, where understanding; that you may know also where are length of days, and life, where light of the eyes, and peace. Who has found the place of wisdom, who has entered into her treasuries?

The One who knows all things knows her; he has probed her by his knowledge-- The One who established the earth for all time, and filled it with four-footed beasts; he who dismisses the light, and it departs, calls it, and it obeys him trembling; before whom the stars at their posts shine and rejoice; when he calls them, they answer, "Here we are!" shining with joy for their Maker. Such is our God; no other is to be compared to him: he has traced out the whole way of understanding, and has given her to Jacob, his servant, to Israel, his beloved son.

Since then she has appeared on earth, and moved among people. She is the book of the precepts of God, the law that endures forever; all who cling to her will live, but those will die who forsake her. Turn, O Jacob, and receive her: walk by her light toward splendor. Give not your glory to another, your privileges to an alien race. Blessed are we, O Israel; for what pleases God is known to us!
RESPONSORIAL PSALM. ..............................................Ps. 19: 8, 9, 10, 11
Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

PRAYER

SEVENTH READING. ..............................................EZEKIEL 36:16-17A, 18-28
The word of the LORD came to me, saying: Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their land, they defiled it by their conduct and deeds. Therefore I poured out my fury upon them because of the blood that they poured out on the ground, and because they defiled it with idols. I scattered them among the nations, dispersing them over foreign lands; according to their conduct and deeds I judged them. But when they came among the nations wherever they came, they served to profane my holy name, because it was said of them: "These are the people of the LORD, yet they had to leave their land." So I have relented because of my holy name which the house of Israel profaned among the nations where they came. Therefore say to the house of Israel: Thus says the Lord GOD: Not for your sakes do I act, house of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you profaned among the nations to which you came. I will prove the holiness of my great name, profaned among the nations, in whose midst you have profaned it. Thus the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you. For I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM. .........................................ISAIAH 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6
Response: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

OR
Ps. 51: 12-13, 14-15, 18-19
Response: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

PRAYER
GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

EPISTLE. ................................................. ROMANS 6:3-II

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM. .............................. Ps. 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Response: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
**Gospel Reading**

Deacon (or priest): The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Deacon (or priest): A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

“After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

**Homily**

**PART III: BAPTISMAL LITURGY**

*The Blessing of the Water and Sprinkling of the People are omitted this year because of health precautions. The Sacraments of Initiation are postponed to another time.*

**Renewal of Baptismal Promises,**

Priest: 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?

Assembly: I do.

Priest: And all his works?

Assembly: I do.

Priest: And all his empty show?
Assembly: I do.

Priest: 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?

Assembly: I do.

Priest: 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?

Assembly: I do.

Priest: 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.

Assembly: Amen.

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PART IV: LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE OFFERINGS

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters…

Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE DIALOGUE
Priest: The Lord be with you.
Assembly: And with your spirit.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH
Priest: The mystery of faith.

Assembly: A. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

B. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

C. Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE
Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Assembly: And with your spirit.

FRACTION RITE
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God...called to the supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (prayed privately)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there,
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITE

GREETING

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon/Priest: Go in peace/Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

Assembly: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.
INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE CHANT

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING

Priest: The Lord be with you. (Bishop: Peace be with you.)
Assembly: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

(Form A)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
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you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT
LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: ACTS 10:34A, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Responsorial Psalm: PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!

Second Reading: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

OR

I Corinthians 5: 6B-8

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!
A Lamb the sheep redeems;
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconciles sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.
Speak, Mary, declaring
What you saw, wayfaring.
“The tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;
bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;
to Galilee he goes before you.”
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!
Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING........................................Matthew 28: 1-10

Deacon (or priest): The Lord be with you.
Assembly: And with your spirit.
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**HOMILY**

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITE

GREETING, BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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