

ADVENT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
3760 Dover Center Road
Westlake, Ohio 44145

April 17, 2025

7:00 P.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL Hymn Glory In The Cross (Handout p.14)

OPENING SALUTATION & RESPONSE

The people standing.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you. and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

BCP 356

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 274

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

READING

Exodus 12:1-14a

Pew Bible 70

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM

78:14-20, 23-25

BCP 696

¹⁴ He led them with a cloud by day,*
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

¹⁵ He split the hard rocks in the wilderness*
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff,*
and the waters gushed out like rivers.
17 But they went on sinning against him,*
rebellin in the desert against the Most High.
18 They tested God in their hearts,*
demandin food for their cravin.
19 They railed against God and said,*
“Can God set a table in the wilderness?
20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the
gullies overflowed;*
but is he able to give bread
or to provide meat for his people?”
23 So he commanded the clouds above*
and opened the doors of heaven.
24 He rained down manna upon them to eat*
and gave them grain from heaven.
25 So mortals ate the bread of angels;*
he provided for them food enough.

Psalm Response (said)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 Pew Bible 1202

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

GOSPEL PROCESSION

#304 I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord (Verses 1-3)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 22:14-30 Pew Bible 1103

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

#304 I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord (Verses 4&5)

MESSAGE Father Abraham Fiodembo

NICENE CREED (all standing) BCP 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form 4)

BCP 388

Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,

That we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray together:

Our Father in heaven,

We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.

Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:

For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship; for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power of your Spirit.

We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this season. We are grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord, we ask that you lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new day. Open us to what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ.

Amen.

O Lord, God of our fathers, your Advent people have stood steadfast in the truth of Your Word. We have strived to be the beacon of light in our corner of this world, guiding others to you. We stand before you crying out to you. We know this battle belongs to You Lord. We cannot do this ourselves. As we walk on the path you have set before us, we sing your praises and give you thanks Lord! We know that you will show us the way. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

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 PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Then the Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY

Celebrant But do not neglect to do good and to share what you
have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This offering will be given to the Voice of the Martyrs

DOXOLOGY

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar and sing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People say

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
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.***

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

(said) ***Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.**
(In Lent, Alleluia is omitted.)

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

* All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.
For those not yet baptized (or for baptized visitors who do not wish to receive the Sacrament), you may come to the altar rail and cross your arms; the priest will be happy to pray a prayer of blessings.* Administration of Communion:

- Please follow usher's directions to altar rail.

- The consecrated bread is offered with the words,
"The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven." (Amen).

- The intinction cup is offered with the words,
"The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," (Amen).

* You may dip your bread in the intinction cup * Intercessory Prayer is available at the back of the Sanctuary

COMMUNION HYMNS

One Bread, One Body; Let Us Be Bread;
What Is This Bread BOB #239

One Bread, One Body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord.
Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more. (Refrain)
Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all. (Refrain)
Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all. (Refrain)

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Let Us Be Bread

Refrain:

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured.

Let us be one in the Lord.

1. I am the bread of life, broken for all.

Eat now and hunger no more. *[Refrain]*

2. You are my friends if you keep my commands,
no longer servants but friends. *[Refrain]*

3. See how my people have nothing to eat.

Give them the bread that is you. *[Refrain]*

4. As God has loved me so I have loved you.

Go and live on in my love. *[Refrain]*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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.

The Altar Party will strip the Altar as the People Sing

The Celebrant and People leave in silence

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GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PRELUDE

PROCESSION IN SILENCE

SALUTATION

BCP 276

Celebrant Blessed be our God

People For ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

READING

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Pew Bible 772

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM

40:1-14

BCP 640

- ¹ I waited patiently upon the Lord;*
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- ² He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;*
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- ³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;*
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.
- ⁴ Happy are they who trust in the Lord!*
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- ⁵ Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us!*
there is none who can be compared with you.
- ⁶ Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!*
but they are more than I can count.
- ⁷ In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure*
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- ⁸ Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,*
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- ⁹ In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:*
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'
- ¹⁰ I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;*

- behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;*
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness
from the great congregation.
- 12 You are the Lord;
do not withhold your compassion from me;*
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,
- 13 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me;
my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see;*
they are more in number than the hairs of my head,
and my heart fails me.
- 14 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me;*
O Lord, make haste to help me.

Psalm Response (said)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

READING

Hebrews 10:1-25

Pew Bible 1261

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY

INTRODUCTION TO EVERYMAN’S WAY OF THE CROSS

These fourteen steps that you are now about to walk, you do not take alone.

I walk with you.

Though you are you, and I am I, yet we are truly one...one Christ.

And therefore, My way of the cross two thousand years ago and your “way” now are also one.

But note this difference. My life was incomplete until I crowned it by My death. Your fourteen steps will only be complete when you have crowned them by your life.

(Congregation is requested to move to each station as we follow the way of the cross with our Lord Jesus Christ.)

Glory in The Cross (Handout Verses 8-10)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Station I

Jesus is Condemned

In Pilate’s hands, My other self, I see My Father’s will. Though Pilate is unjust, he is the lawful governor and he has power over Me.

And so the Son of God obeys a son of man.

If I can bow to Pilate’s rule because this is My Father’s will, can you refuse obedience to those whom I place over you?

Congregation replies:

My Jesus, Lord, obedience cost You Your life. For me it costs an act of will---no more---and yet how hard it is for me to bend. Remove the blinders from my eyes that I may see that it is You whom I obey in all who govern me. Lord it is You.

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord (Verse 1)

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

Stations II & III

Jesus Takes His Cross

This cross, this chunk of tree, is what My Father chose for Me. The crosses you must bear are largely products of your daily life. And yet My Father chose them, too, for you.

Receive them from His hands. Take heart, My other self, I will not let your burdens grow one ounce too heavy for your strength.

Congregation replies:

My Jesus, Lord, I take my daily cross. I welcome the monotony that often marks my day, discomforts of all kinds, the summer's heat, the winter's cold, my disappointments, tensions, setbacks, cares. Remind me often that in carrying my cross, I carry Yours with You. And though I bear a sliver only of Your cross, You carry all of mine, except a sliver, in return.

Jesus Falls

The God who made the universe, and holds it in existence by His will alone, becomes, as man, too weak to bear a piece of timber's weight.

How human in His weakness is the Son of Man. My Father willed it thus. I could not be your model otherwise.

If you would be My other self, you also must accept without complaint your human frailties.

Congregation replies:

Lord Jesus, how can I refuse? I willingly accept my weaknesses, my irritations and my moods, my headaches and fatigue, all my defects of body, mind, and soul. Because they are Your will for me, these "handicaps," of my humanity, I gladly suffer them. Make me content with all my discontents, but give me strength to struggle after You.

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord (Verse 2)

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

Stations IV & V

Jesus Meets His Mother

My Mother sees Me whipped. She sees Me kicked and driven like a beast. She counts My every wound. But though her soul cries out in agony, no protest or complaint escapes her lips or even enters on her thoughts.

She shares My martyrdom---and I share hers. We hide no pain, no sorrow, from each other's eyes. This is My Father's will.

Congregation replies:

My Jesus, Lord, I know what You are telling me. To watch the pain of those we love is harder than to bear our own. To carry my cross after You, I, too, must stand and watch the sufferings of my dear ones; the heartaches, sicknesses and grief of those I love. And I must let them watch mine, too. I do believe---for those who love You all things work together unto good. They must!

Simon Helps Jesus

My strength is gone; I can no longer bear the cross alone. And so the legionnaires make Simon give Me aid. This Simon is like you, My other self.

Give Me your strength. Each time you lift some burden from another's back, you lift as with your very hand the cross's awful weight that crushes Me.

Congregation replies:

Lord, make me realize that every time I wipe a dish, pick up an object off the floor, assist a child in some small task, or give another preference in traffic or the store; each time I feed the hungry, clothe the naked, teach the ignorant, or lend my hand in any way---it matters not to whom---my name is Simon. And the kindness I extend to them I really give to You.

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord (Verse 3)

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Stations VI & VII

Veronica Helps Jesus

Can you be brave enough, My other self, to wipe My bloody face? Where is My face, you ask? At home whenever eyes fill up with tears, at work when tensions rise, on playgrounds, in the slums, the courts, the hospitals, the jails---wherever suffering exists---My face is there. And there I look for you to wipe away My blood and tears.

Congregation replies:

Lord, what You ask is hard. It calls for courage and self-sacrifice, and I am weak. Please, give me strength. Don't let me run away because of fear.

Lord, live in me and act in me and love in me. And not in me alone---in all men---so that we may reveal no more Your bloody but Your glorious face on earth.

Jesus Falls Again

This seventh step, My other self, is one that tests your will. From this fall learn to persevere in doing good. The time will come when all your efforts seem to fail and you will think, "I can't go on."

Then turn to Me, My heavy-laden one, and I will give you rest. Trust Me and carry on.

Congregation replies:

Give me your courage, Lord. When failure presses heavily on me and I am desolate, stretch out Your hand to lift me up. I know I must not cease, but persevere, in doing good. But help me, Lord. Alone there's nothing I can do. With You, I can do anything You ask. I will.

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord (Verse 4)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Stations VIII & IX

Jesus Consoles the Women

How often had I longed to take the children of Jerusalem and gather them to Me. But they refused. But now these women weep for Me and My heart mourns for them---mourns for their sorrows that will come. I comfort those who seek to solace Me. How gentle can you be, My other self, how kind?

Congregation replies:

My Jesus, Your compassion in Your passion is beyond compare. Lord, teach me, help me learn. When I would snap at those who hurt me with their ridicule, those who misunderstand, or hinder me with some misguided helpfulness, those who intrude upon my privacy---then help me curb my tongue.

May gentleness become my cloak. Lord, make me kind like You.

The Third Fall

Completely drained of strength I lie, collapsed, upon the cobble stones. My body cannot move. No blows, no kicks, can rouse it up. And yet My will is Mine. And so is yours. Know this, My other self, your body may be broken, but no force on earth and none in hell can take away your will. Your will is yours.

Congregation replies:

My Lord, I see You take a moment's rest then rise and stagger on. So I can do because my will is mine. When all my strength is gone and guilt and self-reproach press me to earth and seem to hold me fast, protect me from the sin of Judas---save me from despair! Lord, never let me feel that any sin of mine is greater than Your love. No matter what my past has been, I can begin anew.

Stations X & XI

Jesus is Stripped

Behold, My other self, the poorest King, who ever lived. Before My creatures I stand stripped. The cross---My deathbed---even this is not My own. Yet who has ever been so rich? Possessing nothing, I own all---My Father's love. If you, too, would own everything, be not solicitous about your food, your clothes, your life.

Congregation replies:

My Lord, I offer You all---whatever I possess, and more, my self. Detach me from the craving for prestige, position, wealth. Root out of me all trace of envy of my neighbor who has more than I. Release me from the vice of pride, my longing to exalt myself, and lead me to the lowest place.

May I be poor in spirit, Lord, so that I can be rich in You.

Jesus is Crucified

Can you imagine what a crucifixion is? My executioners stretch My arms; they hold My hand and wrist against the wood and press the nail until it stabs My flesh. Then with one heavy hammer smash, they drive it through---and pain bursts like a bomb of fire in My brain.

They seize the other arm; and agony again explodes. Then raising up My knees so that My feet are flat against the wood, they hammer them fast, too.

Congregation replies:

My God, I look at You and think: Is my soul worth this much? What can I give You in return? I here and now accept for all my life whatever sickness, torment, agony may come. To every cross I touch my lips. O blessed cross that lets me be---with You--a co-redeemer of my fellowmen.

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord (Verse 5)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Stations XII & XIII

Jesus Dies

The cross becomes a pulpit now---“Forgive them, Father. . . You will be with Me in Paradise. . . There is your mother. . . There. . . your son. . . I thirst. . . It is complete.”

To speak I have to raise Myself by pressing on My wrists and feet, and every move engulfs Me in new waves of agony. And then, when I have borne enough, have emptied My humanity, I let My mortal life depart.

Congregation replies:

*My Jesus, God, what can I say or do? I offer You **my** death with all its pains, accepting now the time and kind of death in store for me. Not by a single instant would I lengthen my life’s span. I offer You my death for My own sins and those of all my fellowmen. My God! My God! Forsake us not. We know not what we do.*

Jesus Is Taken Down

The sacrifice is done. Yes, My Mass is complete; but not My mother’s and not yours, My other self. My mother still must cradle in her arms the lifeless body of the Son she bore. You, too, must part from those you love, and grief will come to you. In your bereavements think of this: A multitude of souls were saved by Mary’s sharing in My Calvary. Your grief can also be the price of souls.

Congregation replies:

I beg You, Lord, help me accept the partings that must come---from friends who go away, my children leaving home, and most of all, my dear ones when You shall call them to Yourself. Then, give me grace to say: “As it has pleased You, Lord, to take them home, I bow to Your most holy will. And if by just one word I might restore their lives against Your will, I would not speak.” Grant them eternal joy.

Station XIV

Jesus is Buried

So ends My mortal life. But now another life begins for Mary, and for Magdalene, for Peter and for John, and you. My work as man is done. My work within and through My Church must now commence. I look to you, My other self. Day in, day out, from this time forth, be My apostle---victim---saint.

Congregation replies:

My Jesus, Lord, You know my spirit is as willing as my flesh is weak. The teaching You could not impart, the sufferings You could not bear, the works of love You could not do in Your short life on earth, let me impart, and bear, and do through You. But I am nothing, Lord. Help me!

Lord Have Mercy

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

(Congregation kneels at altar rail)

Conclusion

I told you at the start, My other self, My life was not complete until I crowned it by My death. Your “way” is not complete unless you crown it by your life.

Accept each moment as it comes to you, with faith and trust that all that happens has My mark on it. A simple decree, this is all it takes; a breathing in your heart, “I will it, Lord.” So seek Me not in far-off places. I am close at hand. Your workbench, office, kitchen, these are altars where you offer love. And I am with you there. Go now! Take up your cross and with your life complete your way.

Celebrant We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

People ***because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.***

Celebrant If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;

if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

People ***We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,***

because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FOLLOWING THE CRUCIFER

ALL DEPART IN SILENCE

ADVENT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
3760 Dover Center Road
Westlake, Ohio 44145

April 20, 2025

10:00 a.m.

The Sunday of the Resurrection:
EASTER DAY
Rite II - Holy Eucharist - The Word of God

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL Hymn #417 This is the Feast of Victory

OPENING SALUTATION & RESPONSE BCP 355

The people standing

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All standing, sing

THE GLORIA BCP 356

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

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

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 Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT BCP 222

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the

Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

READING **Acts 10:34-43** Pew Bible 1152

The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM **118:14-17, 22-24** BCP 761

- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song,*
and he has become my salvation.
15 There is a sound of exultation and victory*
in the tents of the righteous:
16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!*
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
17 I shall not die, but live,*
and declare the works of the Lord.
22 The same stone which the builders rejected*
has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the Lord's doing.*
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 On this day the Lord has acted;*
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm Response (sing)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen. Amen.

READING **Colossians 3:1-4** Pew Bible 1235

The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL PROCESSION **Celtic Alleluia**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Father we praise you as Lord.

All of the earth gives you worship,

For your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth. (*Refrain*)

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

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

THE HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 24:1-10**

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia alleluia.

Help those you saved by your blood
Raise them to life with your martyrs
Save your people, Lord
As their ruler raise them up! (*Refrain*)

SERMON

Pastor Paul Laursen

NICENE CREED (all standing)

BCP 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 389, Form 5

Leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault
at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Presiding Bishop Rowe; our own Bishop Jolly; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the world that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For this congregation (for those who are present, and for those who are absent), that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

Let us pray together:

Our Father in heaven,

We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.

Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:

For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship; for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power of your Spirit.

We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this season. We are grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord, we ask that you lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new day. Open us to what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ.

Amen.

O Lord, God of our fathers, your Advent people have stood steadfast in the truth of Your Word. We have strived to be the beacon of light in our corner of this world, guiding others to you. We stand before you crying out to you. We know this battle belongs to You Lord. We cannot do this ourselves. As we walk on the path you have set before us, we sing your praises and give you thanks Lord! We know that you will show us the way. Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

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.

Celebrant

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Then the Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY Hymn # 208 The Strife is O'er

Celebrant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself
for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

PREPARATION OF ELEMENTS

DOXOLOGY

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

*Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

The Sanctus (sing) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory. (2Xs)
 Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. (2Xs)

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

The Memorial Acclamation (sing)

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again (2Xs)

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The Great Amen (sing) *Amen. Amen. Amen. (2Xs)*

*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

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- * *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.
For those not yet baptized (or for baptized visitors who do not wish to receive the Sacrament), you may come to the altar rail and cross your arms; the priest will be happy to pray a prayer of blessings.* Administration of Communion:*
- *Please follow usher's directions to altar rail.*
- *The consecrated bread is offered with the words,
"The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven." (Amen).*
- *The intinction cup is offered with the words,
"The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," (Amen).*

* *You may dip your bread in the intinction cup * Interspersory Prayer is available at the back of the Sanctuary*

COMMUNION HYMN #178 Alleluia

Glory In The Cross, Easter Verses (Handout)

Celebrant Let us pray.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, *said by all*

BCP 365

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.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL Hymn # 207 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

POSTLUDE

