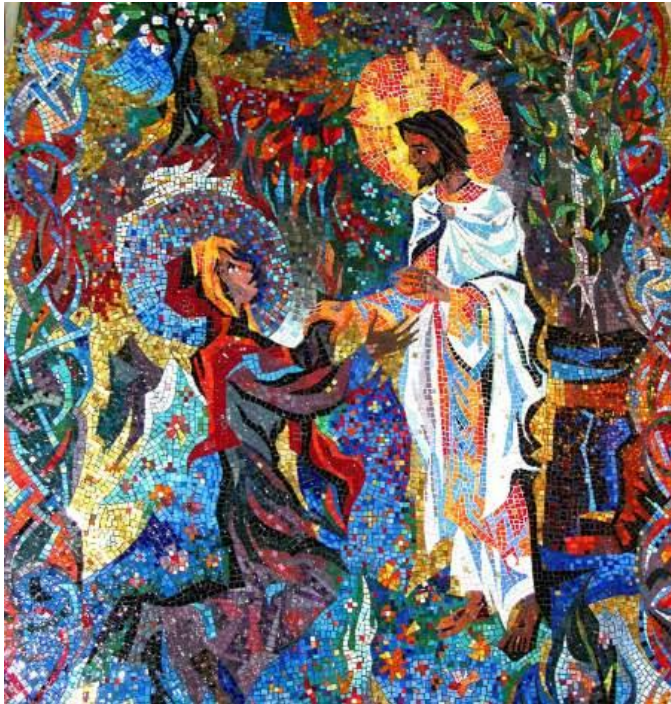


Saint Thomas's Church

Easter Day

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Sung Mass at 9:30 am



Mary Magdalene in the garden with Jesus, detail of mosaic
Resurrection Chapel, Washington National Cathedral

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Welcome!

On behalf of everyone who claims St. Thomas's as their spiritual home, we are happy you are with us, whether in person or via our livestream. If you are a visitor or newcomer, or even a longtime parishioner, but find it awkward or difficult to stand or kneel at the places indicated, remaining seated is perfectly acceptable. Please assume the posture most conducive to prayer throughout this service, or simply observe.

St. Thomas's has many peculiar ways that we cherish and are happy to share. If there seems to be no rhyme or reason for something, there might not be! But feel free to ask anyone after the service; it usually makes for entertaining conversation.

You are not obliged to engage any of us in conversation, though you should know that pretty much everyone here is happy to do so when we gather. You can always slip away without any judgement. We seem to have a lot of introverts here, so we understand the energy it takes to put yourself out there. Even if you're a raging extrovert, the experience of church can be disorienting. Relax and be yourself. Believe it or not, whether from near or far, God has led you here today. We want to honour what God is up to in your life, and we are here for you as you (re-) discover the joy and the challenge of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Nathan Humphrey, Rector

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Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Nathan Humphrey
Reader: Michael Rowland
Intercessor: Fr. James Shire
Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson
Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ has risen.

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

The Choir and People sing:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO Communion Service, William Mathias (1934-1992)



Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo-ple on



earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al- migh- t- y God and Fa- ther, we wor- ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise_ you for_ your glo - ry. Lord, Je- sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a- way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right_ hand of the



Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer. For



you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord, you a- lone are the Most High,



Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly_ Spi - rit, in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The People sit.

FIRST READING

Acts 10.34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 118.1-2, 14-24

The Choir sings the Refrain, which is repeated by the People. The Choir then sings the verses, and all repeat the Refrain where indicated.



The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has be-come my sal-va-tion.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy en-dures for ever,
Let Israel now pro-claim, “His mercy en-dures for ever.” *Refrain.*

There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous;
“The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!” *Refrain.*

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. *Refrain.*

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the
Lord. “This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter.” *Refrain.*

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This
is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has
acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Refrain.*

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

A reading from St Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians:

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you— unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one

time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings the Alleluias, which are repeated by the People. The Cantor then sings the verse, and all repeat the Alleluias.



Verse: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. *Repeat Alleluias.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20.1-18

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen

wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The People sit.

SERMON

After the Sermon, the People remain seated for a period of silent reflection, standing when the Celebrant stands.

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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: (*Bow.*) by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (*Rise.*)

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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.

The People remain standing.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant:

Let us pray with joy to Christ the Lord. He rose from the dead and is living now to intercede for us who ask, "Victorious King, hear us."

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, for Kevin and Riscylla his suffragans, for The Diocese of North Dakota (The Episcopal Church) according to the Anglican cycle of prayer,

for Holy Week according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer, and for Lorne Swan & Rob McChlery, Dr Lucinda Sykes, Barbara & Bud Tangney, Joanne Thompson, Douglas & Miiki Thoms, & William Thoms according to the Parish cycle of prayer, and for all who serve and minister to God's people. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the King and for all in civil authority in our country, province, and city. May God guide them in the ways of justice and peace; that all may honour one another and serve the common good. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, giving thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present in person or via livestream; for newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud _____. [We give thanks especially for _____.] May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who serve the needs of others in our community, for the volunteers and guests of the Friday Food Ministry, and for all those who labour in and use shelters, drop-in programs, foodbanks, and other social services. May God aid us to love him with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick_____, and all those suffering in mind, body, or estate; for victims of warfare and violence; for elders, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked_____. May God grant that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially _____ who have died in recent days, and those whose year's mind is at this time _____, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom. May God grant that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace and rise in glory. (Silence.)

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

The People bow or kneel. Silence is kept.

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 neighbours 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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All standing, the Celebrant bids the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The People remain standing for the hymn during the Offertory.

OFFERTORY HYMN 153

Jesus Christ is risen today

do mi so do fa la la so mi fa so do fa mi fa mi re do



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

fa so la so fa mi mi re mi fa so do fa mi fa mi re do



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

ti do re so do re mi ti do re so do ti do ti la so



Who did once up - on the Cross Al - - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the Cross and grave,
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise him, all ye heaven - ly host,

so la ti so do mi fa la la so do ti do so la ti do re do ti do



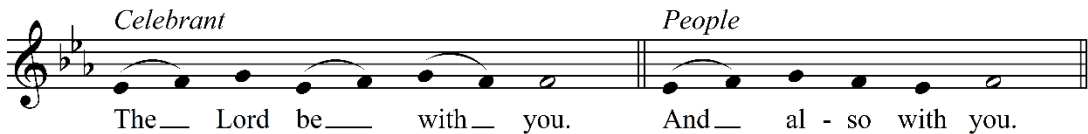
Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save.
Where the an - gels e - ver sing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*



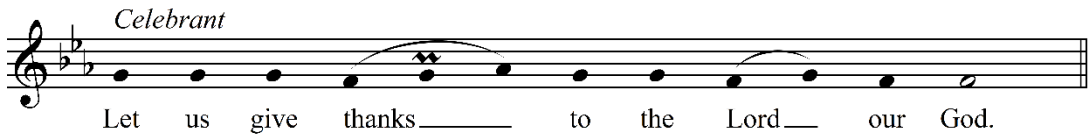
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

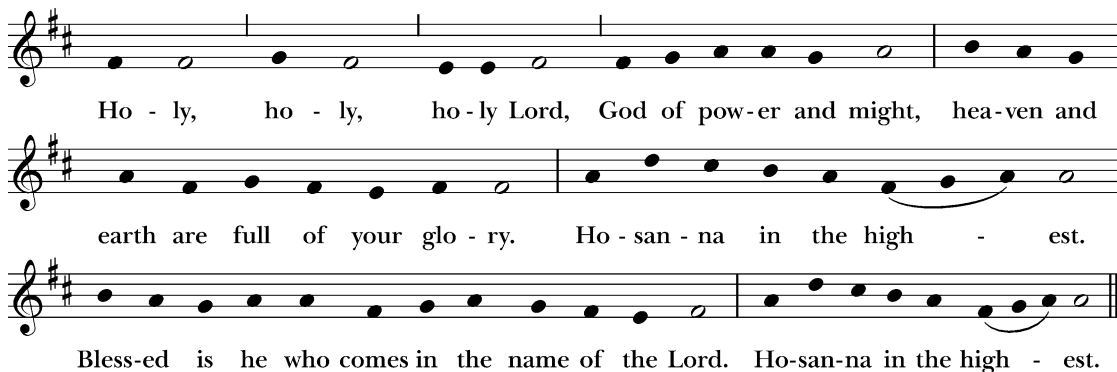
Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

The People and Choir sing,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

New Plainsong Mass, David Hurd (b. 1950)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The People remain standing.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

McNeil Robinson (1943-2015)

Celebrant *People*

As our Sa - viour taught us, let us pray, Our Fa - ther in heav - en,
hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread, For - give us our sins
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,

and the glo - ry are__ yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the Cross
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Choir and People sing:

AGNUS DEI

New Plainsong Mass, David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion as directed by the Sidespeople. Please receive the host (bread) on the right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm). To receive the cup, gently guide with your hand the base of the chalice. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the host into the cup), as diocesan policy does not allow us to do so.

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.

If you have not been baptized or are not receiving communion, please cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an X to receive a blessing. If you are not receiving from the cup, please pause to reverence it with a bow before returning to your pew.

If you wish to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child, we would love to speak with you!

MOTET Ihr klaget mit Seufzen, ich jauchze mit Schall, J.L. Bach (1677-1731)

Ihr klaget mit Seufzen, ich jauchze mit Schall, Ihr weinet, ich lache: ob einerlei Fall; Euch kränket die plötzlich zerstörete Macht, Mir hat solch Verderben viel Freude gebracht, So künftig Tod, Teufel, und Sünde verlacht.

I sing for joy, I laugh, I sing resoundingly for joy, you mourn with sighs you weep over the same cause the sudden destruction of your power distresses you, to me such ruin has brought great joy, since in future death, devil, and sin will be mocked.

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently by those not receiving:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I humbly ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

The following devotion may be prayed silently by communicants and non-communicants.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesu, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee,
For ever and ever. Amen.

The People stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

CONCLUDING HYMN 163

The strife is o'er, the battle done

do ti la so so la ti do



1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
2. Death's might - iest powers have done their worst,
3. He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell,
4. On the third morn he rose a - gain,
5. Lord, by the stripes which woun - ded thee,

do do re so do ti la so



Now is the Vic - tor's tri - umph won;
And Je - sus hath his foes dis - persed;
The bars from heaven's high por - tals fell,
Glo - rious in ma - je - sty to reign;
From death's dread string thy ser - vants free,

so mi la so fa mi re do



O let the song of praise be sung.
Let shouts of praise and joy out - burst.
Let songs of praise his tri - umph tell!
O let us swell the joy - ful strain.
That we may live, and sing to thee:

do ti do ti la so fi so fa mi re do ti do



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

VULPIUS
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