

The Great Three Days



HOLY WEEK

March 24-30, 2024

*St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Bread+Belonging Campus Ministry*

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TRIDUUM

Welcome to St. Aidan's Episcopal Church this Holy Week, as we come together for three sacred days that make up the Triduum ("three days"). For many centuries, followers of Jesus have gathered together to retrace and remember the last days of Jesus Christ. We believe that these days cannot be separated from one another, so they are celebrated as one liturgy.

You will see from Maundy Thursday through to the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night, there are no dismissals, only pauses until we gather again. At the Easter Vigil on Saturday, the liturgy will move through different locations, and finally into the Church around the Font, and at last moving up to the Great Altar for the joyful and glorious proclamation of the Gospel and First Eucharist of Easter.

Writer C.S. Lewis said "I believe in Christ like I believe in the sun, not because I can see it, but by it I can see everything else." We hope that at St. Aidan's, this week, you will be able to find that place of stillness to *see*. May these three holy days lead you to the light that allows you to see yourself and the world in the joy of the resurrection, again and anew.

Joyfully, with expectation,
Mother Mary Kate Rejouis and St. Aidan's Vestry and Staff

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Holy Eucharist in the Chapel 12noon Monday + Tuesday + Wednesday in Holy Week March 25, 26, 27

THE COLLECTS of the DAY

Monday in Holy Week

Almighty God, whose dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Tuesday in Holy Week

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Wednesday in Holy Week

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

The Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Acclamation	The Book of Common Prayer 355
The Collect for Purity	
The Kyrie	
The Collect of the Day	see above
The Lessons	see handout
The Homily	

Monday--The Rev. Steve Wengrovius

Tuesday--The Rev. Dr. Kay K. Cook

Wednesday--The Rev. Jan Oller

The Prayers, Form III
The Confession and Absolution
The Peace

The Book of Common Prayer 387
The Book of Common Prayer 360
The Book of Common Prayer 360

The Liturgy of the Table



Eucharistic Prayer A
Sursum Corda

Sanctus

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Memorial Acclamation and Great AMEN

The Book of Common Prayer 361

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Gluten-free communion is available.

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Blessing

The People may make the sign of the cross and say Amen to receive the blessing.

The Dismissal

The Book of Common Prayer 364

The Book of Common Prayer 364

The Book of Common Prayer 365 or

The Book of Common Prayer 836

The Book of Common Prayer 366

Readers: Monday, Ann Carlos; Tuesday, Matthew Stolte; Wednesday, Scott Menard

MAUNDY THURSDAY + 5:30pm



Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin word *Mandatum*, meaning “commandment,” and it is Jesus’ final commandment to his followers in John’s Gospel, “Love one another as I have loved you,” that we remember today. The washing of feet, which has its origins in the Gospel according to St. John, is one of the most ancient and universal rites in the Christian Church. It is a reminder of the humility necessary to be ministers with one another.

These words of Teresa of Avila are our inspiration:

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
no hands but yours; no feet but yours.*

*Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world.
Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good.
Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people.*

Throughout this night between Thursday and Friday, you are invited to keep watch with the sacrament, by signing up for an hour or two of quiet prayer and presence. **The sign up can be found in-person in the Parish Hall.** You may also **keep watch in your own home, and Zoom the Holy Sacrament** all night in the Chapel with this link:

www.tinyurl.com/WHEPTA.

5:30pm Maundy Thursday, March 28 Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

[Zoom link](#)

Liturgy of the Word

Servers: Jennie Garcia and Heidi Huff

Chalice: Matthew Stolte

A Penitential Order

The Book of Common Prayer 351

The Confession and Absolution

The Trisagion

Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer 274

Celebrant

May the Lord be with you..

All

And also with you

Celebrant

Let us pray.

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.**

The First Lesson

1 Corinthians 11: 23-36

Reader: Melanie Sokhey

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, 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 Lord's death until he comes.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

The Book of Common Prayer 759

Reader: Matthew Stolte

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Holy Gospel

All standing, as able.

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

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

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Mary Kate Réjouis, Rector

The Footwashing

The Footwashing is introduced with these or other words. All are invited to participate in the footwashing, none are required.

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to come forward, that we may recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. Come remember his admonition that what will be done for us is also to be done by us to others for “a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

The Prayers of the People

Reader: Heidi Huff

The People are invited to kneel or to stand for the prayers.

Leader In the company of Jesus and in unity with his faithful followers in years past and in our present day, let us offer our prayers responding, “Kyrie eleison.”

For the gift of humility, that we may mirror the servanthood of Jesus, bending the knee of our hearts to all whose feet have journeyed a long distance, and whose hands have washed away the burdens of others; let us pray.

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Leader For peace throughout the world, especially Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan, South Sudan, the Holy Land especially Israel and Gaza, and all places where the lust for power fosters violence, tyranny and war; let us pray.

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Leader For the courage to face our own unfaithfulness: the kisses of deception, the subtle betrayals, our spiritual sleepiness; that in turning to Christ we may receive the grace that changes lives; let us pray.

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Leader For those who keep watch this night, that in watching they may be found, in seeking they may be filled with the Spirit, and in waiting they may find peace; let us pray.

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Leader For those who keep watch every night: the hungry, the homeless, the fearful, the abused, that Christ may find them in their own gardens of Gethsemane and not leave them in despair; let us pray.

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Leader In thanksgiving for this Eucharistic Meal, which gathers us into the fellowship of all the beloved, uniting us with Jesus, whose Divine Presence we now share; let us pray.

People **Kyrie eleison.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

Celebrant May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

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

The Holy Eucharist: We are Fed at God's Table

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ~ Matthew 5:23-24.

Offertory Hymn *Jesu, Jesu*

The Hymnal 602

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer 361

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Book of Common Prayer 364

All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Eucharist. Gluten-free communion is available (ask the priest). If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest as the priest administering communion comes near.

Communion Hymn *My God, thy table now is spread*

The Hymnal 321

Postcommunion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer 836

Stripping of the Altar: We Prepare to Watch with Christ

As the Altar is stripped, the People assist, or remain to sing this hymn.

Hymn *Were you there?*

The Hymnal 172

After the hymn, you are invited to move to the Chapel for the final psalm.

Psalm 69

The Book of Common Prayer 679

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday ends with no dismissal, and the people leave in silence. The Watch continues in the Chapel until the noon liturgy on Good Friday, the hour in which Jesus was crucified. The Zoom for the Watch can be found at www.tinyurl.com/WHEPTA

GOOD FRIDAY + 12noon



Good Friday is the most solemn day of the Church Year. Elements of the liturgy date to the 4th century practices of Jerusalem, which moved among the actual places of the events of Jesus's last week. We offer **the Liturgy of Good Friday at 12noon** and at **5:30pm** a special gathering for **Holy Week for Kids**.

Much of what we know of Holy Week comes from the account of a woman named Egeria, widely regarded to be the author of a detailed account of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The long letter, titled *Peregrinatio* or *Itinerarium Egeriae*, is addressed to a circle of women at home. Historical details it contains set the journey in the early 380s, making it the earliest of its kind. Many of the acts of Good Friday worship are as Egeria described so long ago.

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

Throughout Lent, and especially on Good Friday, Episcopal parishes and congregations are encouraged to contribute to the Good Friday Offering, an Episcopal tradition reaching back to 1922. In the aftermath of World War I, the Church sought to create new and enduring relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. This is especially important this year, when violence and terror reign and ancient hatreds find new voices. Let us hope for a different future.

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry invites us to “remember the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East through a gift to the Good Friday Offering. By supporting life-giving ministries in the province, including St. George’s, Baghdad; the eye clinic in Ras Morbat, Yemen; the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza; and numerous other institutions identified by their dioceses, you are ensuring that our siblings in Christ are not forgotten.” (*Lent 2004 Letter from Bishop Curry to the Episcopal Church*)

Make an online offering here iam.ec/goodfridayoffering (scroll down to the bottom). You may write a check payable to “DFMS” and write “Good Friday Offering” in the memo line. Mail to: DFMS – Protestant Episcopal Church US, P.O. Box 958983, St. Louis, MO 63195-8983

12noon Good Friday, March 29

The Proper Liturgy and the Passion According to John [Zoom link](#)

Liturgy of the Word

Servers: Heidi Huff and Jennie Garcia

On this day the ministers enter in silence with the consecrated sacrament from Maundy Thursday.

All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy.

Celebrant Blessed be our God

People For ever and ever. Amen.

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.

People Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Reader: Heidi Huff

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him--so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals--so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich,

although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22

The Book of Common Prayer 610

Reader: Melanie Sokhey

The Passion of Jesus: John 18:1-19:42

Dear people of God, as we enter once more the contemplation of those mighty acts by which our Savior Jesus Christ redeemed the world, we are mindful of the Church's historic role in the sin of Anti-Semitism. We repent of the many ways in which we have wounded our Jewish siblings across time. In the Gospel according to John, which will be read shortly, the term "the Jews" applies to particular individuals, namely Judean leaders, and not to the whole Jewish people. Insofar as we ourselves turn against Christ, we are responsible for his death. We invite you therefore to enter Jerusalem once more with Jesus and the disciples. Please remain seated for the Gospel until the arrival at Golgotha. The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. Hymn 159 is sung throughout the Passion Gospel.

Readers: Jennie Garcia, Paul Voakes, Matthew Stolte

The Passion begins in the Bible in your pews on page 86 in the New Testament.

THE ARREST (John 18:1-14)

THE INTERROGATION AND BETRAYAL (John 18:15-27)

THE TRIAL (John 18:28-38)

THE CROWDS (John 18:38-19:15)

THE DEATH (John 19:16-30)

THE BURIAL (John 19:31-42)

The Sermon

The Rev. Mary Kate Réjouis, Rector

Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

Offertory Anthem
The Crucifixion
Barber
Soloist, Katiann Nelson

As the altar is prepared, an offering for the Episcopal Church in the Holy Land is collected.

Make an online offering here iam.ec/goodfridayoffering (scroll down to the bottom). You may write a check payable to "DFMS" and write "Good Friday Offering" in the memo line for the offering plate. Online offerings from Good Friday will be sent to the Episcopal Church in the Holy Land.

Confession of Sin and Absolution
The Book of Common Prayer 364
The Lord's Prayer
The Book of Common Prayer 364

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion from the sacraments that were consecrated on Maundy Thursday. Gluten-free communion is available (ask the priest). If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest as the priest administering communion comes near. After the administration of Holy Communion, all the sacrament in the church is consumed, and all the candles are extinguished.

Closing Prayer
All kneel.

Celebrant Behold, the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

People **O come, let us worship him.**

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

People **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

The Liturgy of Good Friday ends with no dismissal. Please keep silence as you leave.

The church understands the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday as one great liturgy celebrating the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

HOLY SATURDAY

The day after someone has died is disorienting. After Good Friday, Saturday dawns, and we wonder what is to come of this person, Jesus. The Church also prepares for the joy of Easter on this day. So, **at 9am on Holy Saturday**, we share a simple, solemn time of prayer that is like a burial. Then, at **7:30pm on Holy Saturday, the Great Vigil of Easter begins.**

The Great Vigil uses the symbols of life and earth: fire, water, bread, wine. We use the power of sacred story to remember that we are the people of God and God works in us and through us in the world. The vigil is a night that begins in the shadow of death. Death, however, is not the final word when we dwell in Christ. At Easter, we first kindle a fire as a sign that “...*nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus*” (Romans 8:39).

In the light of the fire and candles, we take the journey of the stories of scripture, woven into the stories of our own lives. Then we journey again through the gift of baptism. At last, with joyful song and peace in our hearts, we celebrate the first Eucharist of the Resurrection of Christ, gathered around God’s table. The Eucharist makes us one, our broken selves, bodies and souls, are loved and transformed into the Body of Christ. The Risen Christ is in us, giving us strength for service in the world and transforming us again, after the journey of Holy Week.

9am Holy Saturday Liturgy, March 30

Liturgy of the Word

Holy Saturday Collect

The Book of Common Prayer 283

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

1 Peter 4:1-8

Since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing,

and lawless idolatry. They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. But they will have to give an accounting to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does. The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-16

The Book of Common Prayer 622

The Gospel Lesson

John 19:38-42

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Antem: In the midst of life

The Book of Common Prayer 492

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer 365

The Grace

Celebrant The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

People Amen.



The Great Vigil of Easter

7:30pm + Saturday, March 30

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The Book of Common Prayer 285

Servers: Jennie Garcia and Heidi Huff

Firemaster: Matt Clark

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the people in these or similar words

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

The Celebrant may say the following prayer

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Paschal candles are lit from the new fire, followed by those of the congregation. And we sing
The Light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

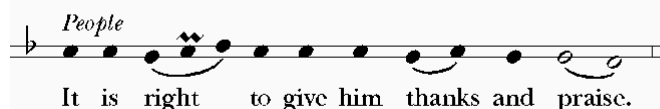
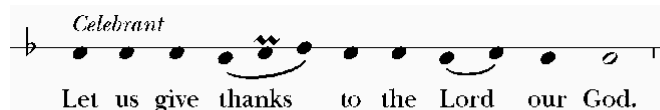
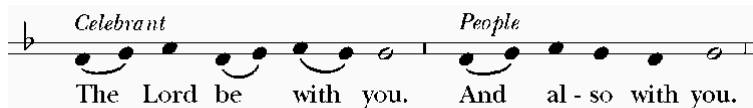
The Exsultet is sung by Deacon Amanda Barker as the Congregation moves into the Chapel.

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels....

....for ever and ever.

People sing Amen

The Exsultet continues in its second section, starting first with the call to prayer



The Exsultet continues until the final “Amen” after which the congregational candles are extinguished and the people are seated.

Sacred Stories

The Bible tells us the story of Salvation History, the record of God’s saving deeds in history, how God saved God’s people in ages past, and the story of redemptive love that is fulfilled in the person of Jesus. On the eve of Easter, we remember and share some of those stories.

Creation Genesis 1:1-2:1

Reader: Esther Santamaria Witness--Fran Zankowski

Easter Vigil BCP 288

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Crossing the Red Sea Exodus 14:10-15:1

Reader: Melanie Sokhey Witness--Leanne Walther

Easter Vigil BCP 289

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A New Heart Ezekiel 36:24-28

Reader: Kandace Einbeck Witness--Jennie Garcia

Easter Vigil BCP 291

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gathering of God's People Zephaniah 3:14-20
Reader: Kate Gerard Witness--AJ Luthgart

Easter Vigil BCP 291

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Congregation lights their candles again and processes into the church to gather at the font.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Book of Common Prayer 301

Celebrant

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism.

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

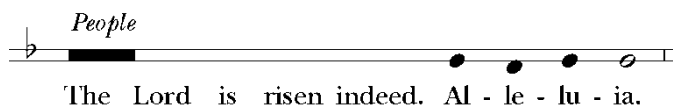
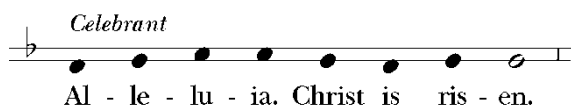
People **I will, with God's help.**

The waters of baptism are shared.

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Congregation moves to the front of the church and the candles at the Altar may now be lit from the Paschal Candle. The "Alleluia" may be repeated.



This Gloria is sung altogether, joyfully.



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Celebrant May the Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection; Stir up in your church that spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being

renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

What St. Paul Said About This Night

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans

Reader: Bev Robinson

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Alleluia is sung by the Cantor or Celebrant then repeated by the congregation before and after the Gospel.



The Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

Proclaimed by Deacon Amanda Barker.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go,

tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

The People Pray for the Church and the World

The Peace

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Peace is exchanged.

The First Holy Eucharist of Easter

This is the feast of the victory of Christ over death and evil, and our holy food in the Way of Love.

All who are baptized are invited to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free communion is available, please ask the priest. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest as the priest administering communion comes near.

Offertory Hymn *Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks*

The Hymnal 178

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer 367

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer 364

The Breaking of the Bread & Invitation

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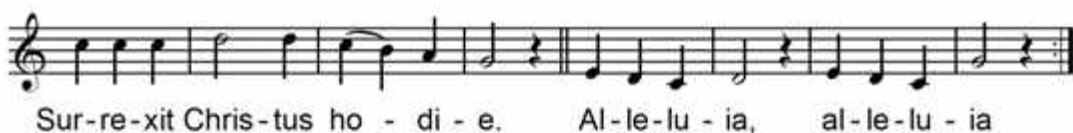
Communion Hymn *Sunset to sunrise*

The Hymnal 163

Soloist, Seth Tack

Surrexit Dominus vere

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Postcommunion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer 365

Celebrant and People pray together

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.

Easter Blessing

The priest blesses the people, the people responding with "Amen"

Recessional Hymn *He is risen!*

1. He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

2. Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore—
sin and pain can vex no more.

The Hymnal 180

3. Come, with high and holy hymning,
hail our Lord's triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming
yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple east,
symbol of our Easter feast.

4. He is risen, he is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

Dismissal

The People are dismissed and respond with

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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HOLY WEEK

Worship

March 24-30, 2024

*St. Aidan's Episcopal Church &
Bread+Belonging Campus Ministry*

Palm Sunday, March 24

8am + Morning Prayer by Zoom
and 10am + Palm and Passion Liturgy

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday March 25-27, 12noon Eucharist

Thursday, March 28, 5:30pm + Maundy Thursday Eucharist
The Watch Overnight

Friday, March 29, 12noon + Good Friday Liturgy
and 5:30pm + Holy Week for Kids

Saturday, March 30, 9am + Holy Saturday Liturgy
and 7:30pm + **THE GREAT VIGIL of EASTER**

Sunday, Easter Day, March 31
10am Holy Eucharist with Choir and Brass



The Rev. Mary Kate Rejouis, Rector
The Rev. Steve Wengrovius, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dr. Kay K. Cook, Retired
Mr. Wes Leffingwell, Music Director
Mr. Corey Priebe, Office Manager

The Rev. Amanda Barker, Seminarian Intern
Ms. Lindsey Anderson, Nursery Coordinator
The Rev. Jan Oller, Retired
Mr. Jerimiah Otto, Keyboardist
Ms. Katiann Nelson and Mr. Seth Tack, Choral Scholars