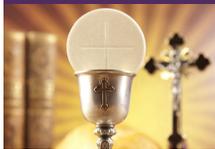


Sacred TRIDUUM

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TODAY'S READINGS FROM THE BIBLE HOLY THURSDAY

Reading 1 | **Ex 12:1-8, 11-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall stand at the head of your calendar; you shall reckon it the first month of the year. Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth of this month every one of your families must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household. If a family is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join the nearest household in procuring one and shall share in the lamb in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it. The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present, it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight.

They shall take some of its blood and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel of every house in which they partake of the lamb. That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. "This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight. It is the Passover of the LORD. For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every firstborn of the land, both man and beast, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt —I, the LORD! But the blood will mark the houses where you are. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you; thus, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you. "This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the LORD, as a perpetual institution." **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm | **Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18**

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

How shall I make a return to the LORD for all the good he has done for me? The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the LORD. **℟️**

Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. **℟️**

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD. My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people. **℟️**

Reading 2 | **1 Cor 11:23-26**

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. **The word of the Lord.**



Gospel | Jn 13:1-15

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later."

Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean." So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do." **The word of the Lord.**

READINGS FROM THE BIBLE GOOD FRIDAY

Reading 1 | Is 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted. Even as many were amazed at him so marred was his look beyond human semblance and his appearance beyond that of the sons of man so shall he startle many nations, because of him kings shall stand speechless; for those who have not been told shall see, those who have not heard shall ponder it. Who would believe what we have heard? To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up like a sapling before him, like a shoot from the parched earth; there was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him, nor appearance that would attract us to him. He was spurned and avoided by people, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, one of those from whom people hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem. Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, while we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; but the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all. Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth. Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away, and who would have thought any more of his destiny? When he was cut off from the land of the living, and smitten for the sin of his people, a grave was assigned him among the wicked and a burial place with evildoers, though he had done no wrong nor spoken any falsehood. But the LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity. If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him. Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear. Therefore I will give him his portion among the great, and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty, because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked; and he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17-25

✠ Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me. Into your hands I commend my spirit; you will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God. **✠**

For all my foes I am an object of reproach, a laughingstock to my neighbors, and a dread to my friends; they who see me abroad flee from me. I am forgotten like the unremembered dead; I am like a dish that is broken. **✠**

But my trust is in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God. In your hands is my destiny; rescue me from the clutches of my enemies and my persecutors." **✠**

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your kindness. Take courage and be stouthearted, all you who hope in the LORD. **✠**

Reading 2 | Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. In the days when Christ was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The word of the Lord.

N The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them,

✠ *"Whom are you looking for?"*

N They answered him,

C *"Jesus the Nazorean."*

N He said to them,

✠ *"I AM."*

N Judas his betrayer was also with them. When he said to them, "I AM, " they turned away and fell to the ground. So he again asked them,

✠ *"Whom are you looking for?"*

N They said,

C *"Jesus the Nazorean."*

N Jesus answered,

✠ *"I told you that I AM. So if you are looking for me, let these men go."*

N This was to fulfill what he had said, "I have not lost any of those you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

✠ *"Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?"*

N So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in. Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter,

C *"You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?"*

N He said,

V "I am not."

N Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm. The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine. Jesus answered him,

✠ *"I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said."*

N When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said,

V "Is this the way you answer the high priest?"

N Jesus answered him,

✠ *"If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"*

N Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him,

C *"You are not one of his disciples, are you?"*

N He denied it and said,

V "I am not."

N One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said,

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

N Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed. Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said,

V "What charge do you bring against this man?"

N They answered and said to him,

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

N At this, Pilate said to them,
V "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law."
N The Jews answered him,
C *"We do not have the right to execute anyone, "*
N in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said indicating the kind of death he would die.
 So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him,
V "Are you the King of the Jews?"
N Jesus answered,
✠ *"Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"*
N Pilate answered,
V "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"
N Jesus answered,
✠ *"My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."*
N So Pilate said to him,
V "Then you are a king?"
N Jesus answered,
✠ *"You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."*
N Pilate said to him,
V "What is truth?"
N When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them,
V "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover.
 Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"
N They cried out again,
C *"Not this one but Barabbas!"*
N Now Barabbas was a revolutionary. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said,
C *"Hail, King of the Jews!"*
N And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to them,
V "Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him."
N So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And Pilate said to them,
V "Behold, the man!"
N When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out,
C *"Crucify him, crucify him!"*
N Pilate said to them,
V "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him."
N The Jews answered,
C *"We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."*
N Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus,
V "Where are you from?"
N Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him,
V "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?"
N Jesus answered him,
✠ *"You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin."*
N Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out,
C *"If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."*
N When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews,

V "Behold, your king!"

N They cried out,

C *"Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!"*

N Pilate said to them,

V "Shall I crucify your king?"

N The chief priests answered,

C *"We have no king but Caesar."*

N Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself, he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

C *"Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews!'"*

N Pilate answered,

V "What I have written, I have written."

N When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another,

C *"Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be, "*

N in order that the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that says: They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. This is what the soldiers did. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother,

✠ *"Woman, behold, your son."*

N Then he said to the disciple,

✠ *"Behold, your mother."*

N And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said,

✠ *"I thirst."*

N There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said,

✠ *"It is finished."*

N And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

N Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and that they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may come to believe. For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled: Not a bone of it will be broken. And again another passage says: They will look upon him whom they have pierced. After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish

N burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.

THE VERSICLE AND RESPONSE AT THE SHOWING OF THE HOLY CROSS (REPEATED 3 TIMES)

PRIEST: *Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.*

PEOPLE: *Come, let us adore*



SCAN FOR TODAY'S MUSIC

EASTER VIGIL

Exsultet

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness. Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples. (Therefore, dearest friends, standing in the awesome glory of this holy light, invoke with me, I ask you, the mercy of God almighty, that he, who has been pleased to number me, though unworthy, among the Levites, may pour into me his light unshadowed, that I may sing this candle's perfect praises).

*The Priest says: **The Lord be with you.***

*All the faithful respond: **And with your spirit.***

*The Priest says: **Lift up your hearts.***

*All the faithful respond: **We lift them up to the Lord.***

*The Priest says: **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.***

*All the faithful respond: **It is right and just.***

It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart and with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten. Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father, and, pouring out his own dear Blood, wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness. These, then, are the feasts of Passover, in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb, whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers. This is the night, when once you led our forebears, Israel's children, from slavery in Egypt and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea. This is the night that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin. This is the night that even now, throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones. This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld. Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed. O wonder of your humble care for us! O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son! O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer! O truly blessed night, worthy alone to know the time and hour when Christ rose from the underworld! This is the night of which it is written: The night shall be as bright as day, dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness. The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty. On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar, which glowing fire ignites for God's honor, a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by sharing of its light, for it is fed by melting wax, drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious. O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human. Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night. Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven. May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star: the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Reading 1 | **Gen 1:1-2:2**

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw how good the light was. God then separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." Thus evening came, and morning followed—the first day. Then God said, "Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters, to separate one body of water from the other." And so it happened: God made the dome, and it separated the water above the dome from the water below it. God called the dome "the sky." Evening came, and morning followed—the second day. Then God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into a single basin, so that the dry land may appear." And so it happened: the water under the sky was gathered into its basin, and the dry land appeared. God called the dry land "the earth," and the basin of the water he called "the sea." God saw how good it was. Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it." And so it happened: the earth brought forth every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the third day. Then God said: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth." And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

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

Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures: cattle, creeping things, and wild animals of all kinds.” And so it happened: God made all kinds of wild animals, all kinds of cattle, and all kinds of creeping things of the earth. God saw how good it was. Then God said: “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground.” God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.

Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth.” God also said: “See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food.” And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed. Since on the seventh day God was finished with the work he had been doing, he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

℟ Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, you are great indeed! You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak. ℟

You fixed the earth upon its foundation, not to be moved forever; with the ocean, as with a garment, you covered it; above the mountains the waters stood. ℟

You send forth springs into the watercourses that wind among the mountains. Beside them the birds of heaven dwell; from among the branches they send forth their song. ℟

You water the mountains from your palace; the earth is replete with the fruit of your works. You raise grass for the cattle, and vegetation for man’s use, producing bread from the earth. ℟

How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all—the earth is full of your creatures. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Alleluia. ℟

Reading 2 | Ex 14:15-15:1

The Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea, split the sea in two, that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land. But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate that they will go in after them. Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and charioteers. The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I receive glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers.” The angel of God, who had been leading Israel’s camp, now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the Lord cast through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the Lord was fighting for them against the Egyptians. Then the Lord told Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the Lord hurled them into its midst. As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh’s whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one of them escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the Lord had shown against the Egyptians, they feared the Lord and believed in him and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: I will sing to the Lord, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm | Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

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

I will sing to the Lord, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior. He is my God, I praise him; the God of my father, I extol him. ℟

The Lord is a warrior, Lord is his name! Pharaoh’s chariots and army he hurled into the sea; the elite of his officers were submerged in the Red Sea. ℟

Reading 3 | Ex 14:15-15:1

The Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea, split the sea in two, that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land. But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate that they will go in after them. Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and charioteers. The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I receive glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers." The angel of God, who had been leading Israel's camp, now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the Lord cast through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the Lord was fighting for them against the Egyptians. Then the Lord told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the Lord hurled them into its midst. As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one of them escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the Lord had shown against the Egyptians, they feared the Lord and believed in him and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: I will sing to the Lord, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm | Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

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

I will sing to the Lord, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior. He is my God, I praise him; the God of my father, I extol him. **℟️**

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Epistle | Rom 6:3-11

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

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

℟️ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." **℟️**

The right hand of the Lord has struck with power; the right hand of the Lord is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. **℟️**

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. **℟️**

Gospel | Mk 16:1-7

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large.

On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'"

The word of the Lord.



SCAN CODE FOR TODAY'S MUSIC

easter SUNDAY

Christ Is Risen!

TODAY'S READINGS FROM THE BIBLE

Reading 1 | Acts 10:34a, 37-43

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

The word of the Lord.

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

℟ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."
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"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD." ℟

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. ℟

Reading 2 | Col 3:1-4

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

The word of the Lord.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring, What you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection; Bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel | Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

The word of the Lord.



SCAN CODE FOR TODAY'S MUSIC

EASTER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions:

Apr 4th includes Easter

M/M Anthony Adams
Anne Albert
H. J. "Bro" Albert
Jane T. Babin
Ron Barry
Estelle Bergeron
Deanna Bonvillain
Philip Breaux
Roosevelt Breaux, Jr
Michael Chancellor
Bill Cranford
Christopher Daigle
Mike Daigle
Junius Danos
Lane Duet
Valcour & Velma Duet
Alvin Dupre, Jr
Robert & Millie Gaudet
Rev. Mr. Charles "Charlie" Giroir
O. J. & Louise Gravois
Clovis "Tom" & Inez Gros
Neil & Lucy Gros
C. J. Guidry
Lynwood Guillot
Glynn & Lois Hernandez
Roy & Seola Himel
Jack & Laura Joinson
Doris Langlois
Ferol "Pops" Langlois, Sr
Ferol Langlois, Jr

Jeanie Martinez
Kent J. Matherne
Mary T. McDonald
Roy P. McDonald
Andrew John Melvin
Louise A. Melvin
M/M O. T. Melvin, Jr
Maurice P. Mire
Virginia L. Mire
Russell & Genela Naquin
Wayne Naquin
Luke, Jr & Pearl Oncale
Michael Oncale
Oliver & Verna Ordoyne & Daughter
Stephanie Ordoyne
David Pellegrin, Sr
Donald Pellegrin, Sr
Donald Pellegrin, Jr
Samuel "Pep" Peltier, Jr
Richard Portier
M/M Lawrence Rhodes, Sr
Mary Alice Rhodes
Arthur & Carolyn H. Schexnayder
Louis & Theresa Scioneaux
Emma G. Shaw
Devin M. Smith
Henry "Smitty" Smith
Loy Andrew Smith
Alexander and Louise Stevens
Bobby Theriot
Roy & Edna Theriot
Mary Truxillo

April 7th

Alvin Dupre, Jr

Tabernacle Lights for Apr 4 thru 10:

Geri G. Chiasson
Anthony Adams
Arthur Schexnayder

Adoration Lights for Apr 4 thru 10:

Alvin Dupre, Jr
Neil & Lucy Gros
Carolyn H. Schexnayder

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRIEST

Brothers and Sisters, the Lord is risen Alleluia!

The long and great fast of Lent is over; now we celebrate the joy of the resurrection of our Lord. His resurrection is the promise of the coming resurrection for each of us. It gives us hope that this life is not all that we will experience. Let that hope be renewed in you. Today, we will renew our baptismal promises to turn from sin and towards God. We will be sprinkled with Holy Water to remind us of our baptism, and receiving the Eucharist, renews our initiation into the Catholic faith. From now until Pentecost we will use the sprinkling rite for our penitential act to give us all more access to the sacramental of Holy Water.

Starting today, there will be bottles of Holy Water available in the front lobby of our church. While our Holy Water fonts will not be returning right away, please take one of these bottles to keep at your house or in your car. They can be refilled at the Holy Water reservoir at the front of the church near the baptismal font. The use of Holy water, when done with the proper disposition, cleanses us from venial sins. The keeping of a personal supply of Holy Water can be a powerful thing and a practice that I hope many will choose to take up now and continue long after the fonts at the doors have been refilled.

This elegant and simple solution comes to us from the ministry team at St. Hilary.

EASTER MEMORIALS

In Memory of	Given By
Evest & Odethel Pontiff	Kervin, Anne, & Christy Voisin
Thomas "Tommy" Naquin	Cathy, Greg, Cherie & Families
Claude & Noelle Templet	Karen Templet
Berthon & Derek Aucoin & Michelle Bilello	Hazel Aucoin
Bennett Brown	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Braud III
Wilbert Bernard	Mrs. Wilbert J. Bernard
Yves, Marie, & Perry Himel	Ms. Patricia LeBlanc
Juy Jermaine Breaux	Shirley Brown
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Joseph Adam Duet	Theresa & Ken Barrilleaux
Dalton LeBlanc	Carl & Lynette Casteigne
Debbie Petrie, Merita & Edward Toups	Derick & Merita Petrie
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Fremin & Clement Families	Gary Clement Family
Henry "Smitty" Smith & Devin M. Smith	Maureen S. Smith
Joy Toups	Mark & Shonie Morvant
Loy Smith	Mrs. Loy Smith
George Blanchard	Shirley Blanchard
Boudreaux & Clement Families	Ronnie & Gail Boudreaux
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Kathleen R. Babin	Vickie Cancienne
C. J. Guidry	Beryl Guidry
Owen Candies	Regina Candies
Ned Matherne	Jacob & Crystal Daigle
Sandlin & Waguespack Families	Carl & Ellie Sandlin
Mr & Mrs Junius Himel & Family	Mr & Mrs Donald Thibodaux
Mr & Mrs Sonny Thibodaux & Family	Mr & Mrs Donald Thibodaux
Charles & Earline Mury	Ricky & Julie Melancon

Special Intentions:

Cindy & Don Gaudet, Mr. & Mrs. Garland Breaux, Mrs. Thomas Daigle, Dustin & Heidi McElroy,
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Benoit, Jerry Chiasson, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Trosclair, Carroll & Mary Lee Hymel,
Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Landry, Norris Barrilleaux, Mr & Mrs Larry Bonvillain