

Welcome to St Timothy's

**The Great Vigil of
Easter**



April 4, 2026
In-Person & Online Service at 6:00pm

"Joseph of Arimathea's Easter"

'He's gone,' says Joseph, and, with Pilate's leave
Eases the nails and lowers him from the Tree,
Wraps him in reverent and tender thoughts
And lays him in the cave called Memory.

That cave is deeply hewn in Joseph's heart:
All that's within will always be his own:
In memory's cave the treasure of his past
Is safe for ever, walled and sealed by stone.

'He's safe,' says Joseph, 'safe in this cool place
And no one now can take my Lord away.
In years to come I'll still see his dear face
As clearly as I've seen it on this day.'

'He's gone!' cries Joseph at the empty tomb:
But Mary says, 'He's left a word for you:
He cannot rest content to be your past,
So he has risen to be your future too.'

— *by W. H. Vanstone, (1923-99)*

Musical Gift

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are supported by the
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Liturgical Explanations

The Easter celebration begins with the lighting of the new fire and the Paschal candle, as the symbol of the return of life and light into the space occupied by suffering, loneliness, and death. By candlelight we will hear the great arc of the salvation story told through Scripture readings and music - from creation through redemption. Then, all lights will come back on, the bells will ring, and we will sing "Alleluia" again, which we did not do in Lent. We will also renew our baptismal vows and take Communion for the first time since Maundy Thursday. Throughout this leaflet, we have included brief explanations of the various liturgical elements.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*The service begins outside the main doors of the church,
where a fire is kindled.*

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
on this most holy night,
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death
to life,
the Church invites her children throughout the
world
to come together in vigil and prayer.
This is the Passover of the Lord.
We remember his death and resurrection
by hearing his word and celebrating his
mysteries;
we are confident
that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray.

Father,

we share in the light of your glory

through your Son, the light of the world.

Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new
hope.

Purify our minds by this Easter celebration

and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All:

Amen.

THE PREPARATION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

After the blessing of the new fire, the paschal candle is prepared.

Celebrant: Christ yesterday and today
the beginning and the end
Alpha
and Omega
all time belongs to him
and all the ages
to him be glory and power
through every age for ever.

All: Amen.

*When the cross and other marks have been made, the celebrant
inserts five grains of incense into the candle.*

Celebrant: By his holy
and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord
guard us
and keep us.

All: Amen.

The celebrant lights the candle from the new fire.

Celebrant: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the
darkness of our hearts and minds.

The celebrant lifts the Paschal Candle.

Celebrant: The light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The first light of Easter is carried into the church.

The tapers are lit, and the procession enters the church, led by the celebrant with the paschal candle.

At a suitable place the celebrant lifts the candle a second time.

Celebrant: The light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

At the altar the celebrant faces the congregation and lifts the candle a third time.

Celebrant: The light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Other candles in the church are now lit.

The Exsultet

(arr. Edward Connell)

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus
Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!
Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in
the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered!
Glory fills you!

Darkness vanishes for ever!
Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy, echoing the
mighty song of all God's people!

(Cantor: Karina Bray)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right that with full hearts and minds
and voices we should praise the unseen God, the
all powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord
Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with
his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's
sin to our eternal Father!

This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true
Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the
homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our
forebears: you freed the people of Israel from
their slavery and led them dry-shod through the
sea.

This is the night when Christians everywhere,
washed clean of sin and freed from all
defilement, are restored to grace and grow
together in holiness.

This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.

Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle. May it always dispel the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Chancel lights for the choir & organist are lit.

Each reading ends with the line “Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches” (as cited throughout Revelation chapters 2 and 3) to declare that the Scripture that has been read is given by the Holy Spirit for all churches yesterday, today, and for ever, not just the people to whom it was written in ancient times.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
let us now listen attentively to the word of God,
recalling how he saved his people throughout
history and in the fullness of time,
sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

(Please be seated)

The First Reading from the Book of Genesis

The underground springs split open, and the clouds in the sky poured out rain. On that same day Noah and his family went into the boat. Every kind of wild animal and tame animal all came to Noah; one male and one female of every living thing came. It was just as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord closed the door behind them. Water flooded the earth for 40 days. As the water rose, it lifted the boat off the ground. The water continued to rise, and the boat floated on the water above the earth. Forty days later Noah opened the window he had made in the boat, but water still covered the earth. After seven days Noah again sent out the dove from the boat. And that evening it came back to him with a fresh olive leaf in its mouth. Seven days later he sent the dove out again. But this time it did not come back. The water was dried up from the land.

Then God said to Noah and his sons, I make this agreement with you: I will never again destroy all living things by floodwaters. A flood will never again destroy the earth."

Genesis 7 – 9 (selected verses)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

For Psalm 46:

God Is Our Strength and Refuge

God is our strength and refuge, a helper ever near.
While resting in His shelter, no evil will we fear—
Not if the mountains crumble into the angry sea,
Nor if the surging ocean exceeds its boundary.

(Psalm 46:1-3)

A quiet stream refreshes the city of our God;
His throne stands unaffected while kingdoms rise and fall.
One word from Jacob's Saviour will melt the raging throng.
The Lord of Hosts is with us; He is our fortress strong.

(Psalm 46:4-7)

Behold God's glorious power: He makes all warfare cease.
Each weapon He will shatter; the world will be at peace.
"Be still!" cries Heaven's Sovereign, "Be still, for I am God!
All kingdoms—all creation—will bow beneath my rod."

(Psalm 46:7-10)

The violent sea turned placid when Jesus cried, "Be still!"
Fears gone, twelve men stood gasping
when waves obeyed His will.
And soon the same voice speaking
will calm earth's rebel storm.

This Lord of hosts is with us both now and evermore!

(Mark 4:35-41; Revelation 19:15; Psalm 46:11)

(Lancashire)

Celebrant: Faithful God, you have placed the rainbow in the skies as the sign of your covenant with all living things. May we who are saved through water and the Spirit, worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Second Reading from the Book of Exodus

The Israelites saw the king and his army coming after them. They were very frightened and cried to the Lord for help. They said to Moses, "What have you done to us? But Moses answered, "Don't be afraid! The Lord will fight for you."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Raise your walking stick and hold it over the sea. The sea will split. Then the people can cross the sea on dry land. I will defeat the king, his chariot drivers and chariots. Then Egypt will know that I am the Lord."

Moses held his hand over the sea. All that night the Lord drove back the sea with a strong east wind. And so he made the sea become dry ground. The water was split. And the Israelites went through the sea on dry land. When all the king's horses, chariots and chariot drivers followed them into the sea, the Lord told Moses, "Hold your hand over the sea. Then the water will come back over the Egyptians, their chariots and chariot drivers." So that day the Lord saved the Israelites from the Egyptians. When the people of Israel saw the great power that the Lord had used against the Egyptians, they feared the Lord.

Exodus 14: 10 – 31, 15: 20 – 21

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: **When Israel Was in Egypt's Land**

The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go;
to lead the children of Israel through, let my people go.

Refrain

**Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land,
tell old Pharaoh, let my people go.**

They journeyed on at his command, let my people go;
and came at length to Canaan's land, let my people go.

Refrain

Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go;
and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go.

Refrain

(Go Down Moses)

Celebrant: God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered 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.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Third Reading from the Book of Isaiah

God is the one who saves me.

I trust him. I am not afraid.

The Lord, the Lord, gives me strength and makes me sing.

He has saved me."

You will receive your salvation with joy.

You will take it as you would draw water from a well.

At that time you will say,

"Praise the Lord, and worship him.

Tell everyone what he has done.

Tell them how great he is.

Sing praise to the Lord, because he has done great things.

Let all the world know what he has done.

Shout and sing for joy, you people of Jerusalem.

The Holy One of Israel does great things before your eyes.”

Isaiah 12: 2 – 6

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: **Wade in the Water**

Refrain

**Wade in the water,
wade in the water children,
Wade in the water,
God’s gonna trouble the water.**

See that host all dressed in white,
God’s gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite,
God’s gonna trouble the water.

Refrain

See that band all dressed in red,
God’s gonna trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led,
God’s gonna trouble the water.

Refrain

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's gonna trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
God's gonna trouble the water.

Refrain

Celebrant: O God, by the power of your Word
you have created all things, and by your Spirit
you renew the earth. Give now the water of life
to those who thirst for you, that they may bring
forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The tapers may now be extinguished.

The Gloria (sung)

(Please stand as you are able.)

*All the lights in the church are now turned on and bells are rung
throughout the church. Please ring yours with joy and energy!*

**All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

(Page 3 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet.)

Fanfares: Litanies

(Jehan Alain)

Please be seated while the members of the Chancel Guild dress the altars and reinstate the items around the church.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Fourth Reading from the Letter to the Romans

Did you forget that all of us became part of Christ when we were baptized? We were buried with him so that we could live a new life, just as Christ was raised from death by the wonderful power of the Father.

We know that our old life died with Christ on the cross. This was so that our sinful selves would have no power over us, and we would not be slaves to sin.

If we died with Christ, we know that we will also live with him. Christ was raised from death. And we know that he cannot die again. Yes, when Christ died, he died to defeat the power of sin one time—enough for all time. He now has a new life, and his new life is with God. In the same way, you should see yourselves as being dead to the power of sin and alive with God through Christ Jesus.

Romans 6 (selected verses)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:

(Please stand as you are able)

We Know that Christ is Raised

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.

Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.

Hallelujah!

We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ.
Hallelujah!

(Engelberg)

The Gospel

(Please remain standing as you are able)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Matthew 28: 1 - 10

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation:

We Know that Christ is Raised

The Father's splendour clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.
Hallelujah!

A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!

(Engelberg)

(Please be seated.)

Reflection

Jonathan Kang

Silence is kept.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Thanksgiving for Water *(Please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

**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 neighbour 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.

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: May the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

All: Amen.

The congregation will be sprinkled with the water that has been blessed as a concrete reminder of our own baptism and our promise to renew the vows made when we were baptised.

Celebrant: God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Sharing the Peace: We enact Christ's gift of reconciliation. In obedience to his teaching that we be reconciled with one another before offering our gift at the altar (Matthew 5:23–24), we exchange his peace before approaching the Eucharistic table, having already been reconciled with God through confession and absolution.

The Peace (Please remain standing as you are able)

Celebrant: The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.
Alleluia!

People: And also with you. Alleluia!

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCCHARIST

Offertory Anthem:

(Please be seated)

Vigil

The tempest over and gone, the calm begun,
Lo, "it is finished," and the Strong Man sleeps:
All stars keep vigil watching for the sun,
The moon her vigil keeps.

A garden full of silence and of dew,
Beside a virgin cave and entrance stone:
Surely a garden full of Angels too,
Wondering, on watch, alone.

They who cry "Holy, Holy, Holy," still
Veiling their faces round God's throne above,
May well keep vigil on this heavenly hill
And cry their cry of love.

Adoring God in His new mystery
Of Love more deep than hell, more strong than death;
Until the day break and the shadows flee,
The Shaking and the Breath.

- *Christina Rossetti (1830 - 1894)*

(Thomas LaVoy)

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*During the **Eucharistic Prayer**, following Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19), we give thanks for creation and salvation, recall his saving death and resurrection, and pray for the Holy Spirit to sanctify both the gifts and the people.*

***Bells** may be rung to draw attention to the Sanctus, moments when the Church recognises Christ's sacramental presence, echoing the awe shown when God draws near (Isaiah 6:4; Exodus 3:5), as indicated by + in the text of the prayer.*

*In the **Sanctus** (Holy, holy, holy) and **Benedictus** (Blessed is He) we join the song of heaven — "Holy, holy, holy" — sung by angels, saints, and all creation before God's throne (Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8) as Christ comes among us. It reminds us that church worship on earth is concurrent with that in heaven. In the **Benedictus** — "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (Psalm 118:26; Matthew 21:9) — we welcome Christ who once entered Jerusalem and who now comes to us in this holy meal.*

*The **Words of Institution** repeat Jesus' words at the Last Supper — "This is my body... this is my blood" (Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26) — the Church remembers and proclaims his self-giving love made present in this meal.*

*In the **Epiclesis** we pray for the Holy Spirit to come upon the bread and wine and upon us, that we may be united in Christ's Body (1 Corinthians 10:16–17; Acts 2:1–4).*

Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you - stand, sit or kneel)

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who

place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name. +

All (sung): Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Page 10 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." +
In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." +

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us

worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.** +

Lord's Prayer: As children of one Creator, we pray the prayer Jesus taught (Matthew 6:9–13), asking for daily bread, forgiveness, and the coming of God's kingdom before sharing the bread of life.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All (sung): **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

(Page 14 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)

Breaking of the Bread and Agnus Dei: *The breaking of the bread recalls the breaking of Christ's own body given for the life of the world. In the Agnus Dei, we name Christ as the Lamb of God (John 1:29), recalling the Passover lamb of Israel's deliverance (Exodus 12) and proclaiming him as our Paschal sacrifice (1 Corinthians 5:7).*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei (sung by all)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace.

(Page 16 of The Mass of St. Timothy booklet)

All persons are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing as appropriate at our services. You may choose to receive both the bread and the wine or just the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask the priest for these as you come to receive. If you choose to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you stand at the altar rail.

Communion Hymns: *(Congregational singing while seated)*

207, At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;

with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from on high,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
death is broken in the fight,
thou has brought us life and light.
Now no more can death appal,
now no more the grave enthrall!
Thou has opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

This, our gift of Easter joy,
sin alone can now destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise;
risen Lord, all praise to thee,
with the Spirit ever be.

(Salzburg)

238, God's Love Bursts Into Bloom

God's love bursts into bloom
deep in the dark's lament,
and fills a startled tomb
with lively, gracious scent;
the stone gives way, hell's head is bruised
and dawn reveals a grave unused.

Three loyal women bring
spice to anoint their friend —

but hear a Glory sing
Come see, no corpse to tend!
What fearful joy! Their wild sweet cry
of hope salutes the sunrise sky.

Christ kicks down death's grim door
and lets us prisoners out —
the sick, the blind, the poor —
we hear the paschal shout:
because I live, you all shall be
God's guests at heaven's high feast with me.

(Christchurch)

Prayers after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All: Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: 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.

The Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: (Ring your bells during the Alleluias)

226, Through the Red Sea Brought At Last

Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia!
Egypt's chains behind we cast, alleluia!
Deep and wide flows the tide
severing us from bondage past, alleluia!

Like the cloud that overhead, alleluia!
through the billows Israel led, alleluia!
By his tomb Christ makes room,
souls restoring from the dead, alleluia!

In that cloud and in that sea, alleluia!
Buried and baptized were we, alleluia!
Earthly night brought us light,
which is ours eternally, alleluia!

(Straf mich nicht)

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the new life of the risen Christ!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Toccata from Symphony V

(Charles-Marie Widor)

