



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28, 2024

6:30 P.M.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

No matter where you come from or where you're going
No matter what you believe or what you doubt
No matter what you feel or just don't feel today
No matter whom you love
You are welcome into this space
to be met by God And to join fellow travelers.
Welcome. It is good that you are here.

If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor card found in the pew racks, place it in the collection plate or give it to an usher or worship leader after the service. We want to get to know you.



Every Sunday Morning at St. Paul's

9:00 am

Adult Forum – Garden Room, 1st Floor

Godly Play Spiritual Formation for Children - 3rd Floor Classrooms

Nursery open

10:00 am

Worship – Holy Communion - In the church nave

Children's Worship – Liturgy of the Word - 3rd Floor Chapel
(then to nave for communion)

*The **nursery** is open on Sunday mornings for children four years and younger. It can be found by following the hallway through the bell tower on the east side of the worship space.*



We are so glad you are here to worship with us. Our community has been worshipping at 40th and Main in midtown Kansas City for over 100 years now. We worship each Sunday at 10:00am. The faith we share here finds its source in the Good News of God in Christ that promises an unending love, joy, and hope for all people, without exception. These promises are central to who we are, guide all that we do, and connect us more deeply to one another as we seek to make this same love, joy, and hope known to our world. We do this as we feed over 2000 people per month through our food ministries. We do this in our commitment to the faith formation of each person, life-wide and lifelong. We do this as we practice an historic, tradition-rich faith that speaks to our modern lives with beautiful worship and music. We have a day school with nearly 500 students, provide financial resources for our sister school in Haiti, and much more! In all of these, and more, we seek to be a community committed to learning and growing in faith, to sharing our lives with one another in all their ups and downs, to beauty in music and worship, and to service with and for our neighbors. Most of all, we are glad you are here and hope you join us again!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All stand.

Hymn 480 *When Jesus left his Father's throne*



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.
their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;
Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,
Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.
thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.
Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854). Music: *Kingsfold*, English folk melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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.**

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

Reader: A reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The choir sings the antiphon which is repeated by the congregation. The congregation is invited to sing the antiphon at the indicated places, while the choir sings the verses of the Psalm.

THE PSALM



I love the LORD, be - cause he has heard the voice of my sup - pli - ca - tion.

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.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

THE SECOND READING

Reader: A reading from the Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

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.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand with the music.

Hymn 606 *Where true charity and love dwell, God himself is there*

Antiphon

Where true char - i - ty and love dwell, God him - self is there.

1 Since the love of Christ has joined us in one bo - dy,
2 As we are all of one bo - dy, when we gath - er
3 Now we pray that with the bless - ed you grant us grace

let us all re - jice and be glad now and al - ways.
let no dis - cord or en - mi - ty break our one - ness.
to see your ex - alt - ed glo - ry, O Christ our God,

And as we hear and love our Lord, the liv - ing God,
May all our pet - ty jeal - ous - ies and ha - tred cease
our bound - less source of joy and truth, of peace and love,

so let us in sin - cer - i - ty love all peo - ple. [Ant.]
that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days. [Ant.]
for ev - er and for ev - er - more, world with - out end. [Ant.]

Words: Latin: tr. Joyce M. Glover (b. 1923). Copyright © 1982, Joyce M. Glover. Music: *Ubi caritas*, plainsong, Mode 6; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

THE GOSPEL

Reader: 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."

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Steven King

FOOT WASHING

The Celebrant introduces the ceremony of foot washing with the following words.

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. We all need to remember his example.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, and recall whose servant you are by following the example of our Lord. And come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you 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."

During the singing of the following anthems, members of the congregation may come to the Chancel steps for the foot-washing. After your feet have been washed, remain and do the same for the next person in line

*Blessed are the Pure in Heart
God Be in My Head*

*Henry Walford Davies
Henry Walford Davies*

St. Paul's Section Leaders

Please kneel or stand.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the course of silence after each bidding, you are welcome to add your own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

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

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially our food ministries, the people of South Sudan, Holy Cross School – Ravine a l'Anse, Haiti, St. Paul's Day School, Gordon Parks School, and Citizens of the World Academy and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

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

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

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

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a Collect

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory:

Thou knowest, Lord, the Secrets of our Hearts

Henry Purcell

St. Paul's Adult Choir Section Leaders

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer;
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death to fall from thee.
Amen.*

All stand.

Doxology



"For - give our sins as we — for - give" you
taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
grant — us — grace to live the words we say.

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 God thanks and praise.**

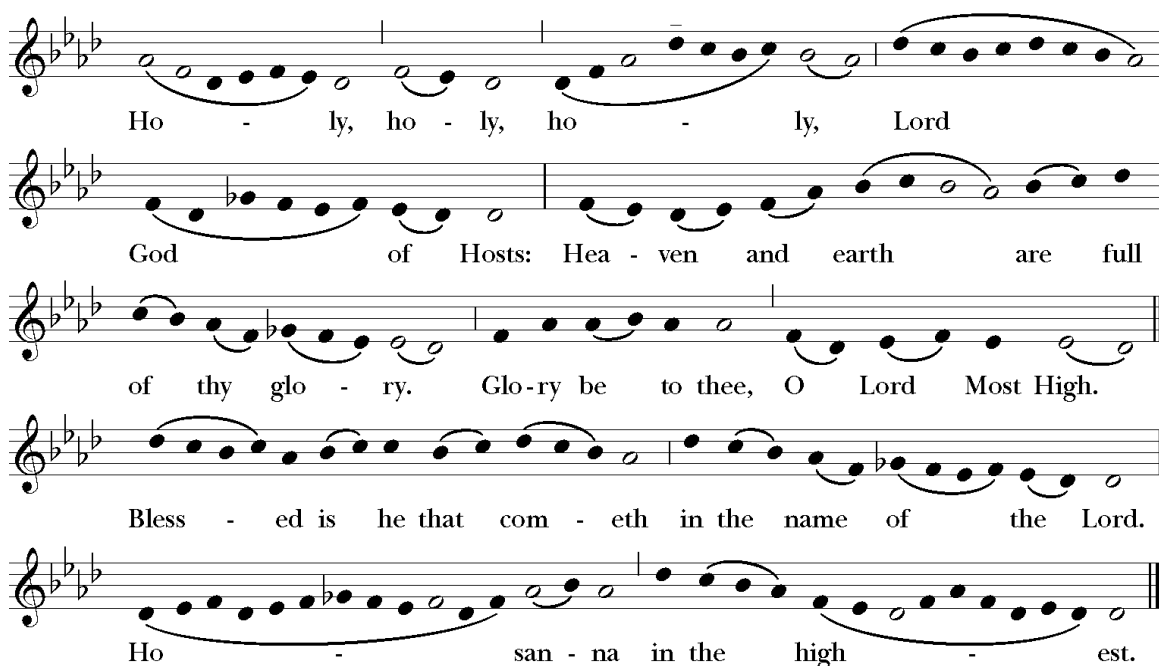
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

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

Sanctus

Ford S-115



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord
God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full
of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel or stand.

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

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

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Celebrant & People:* Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

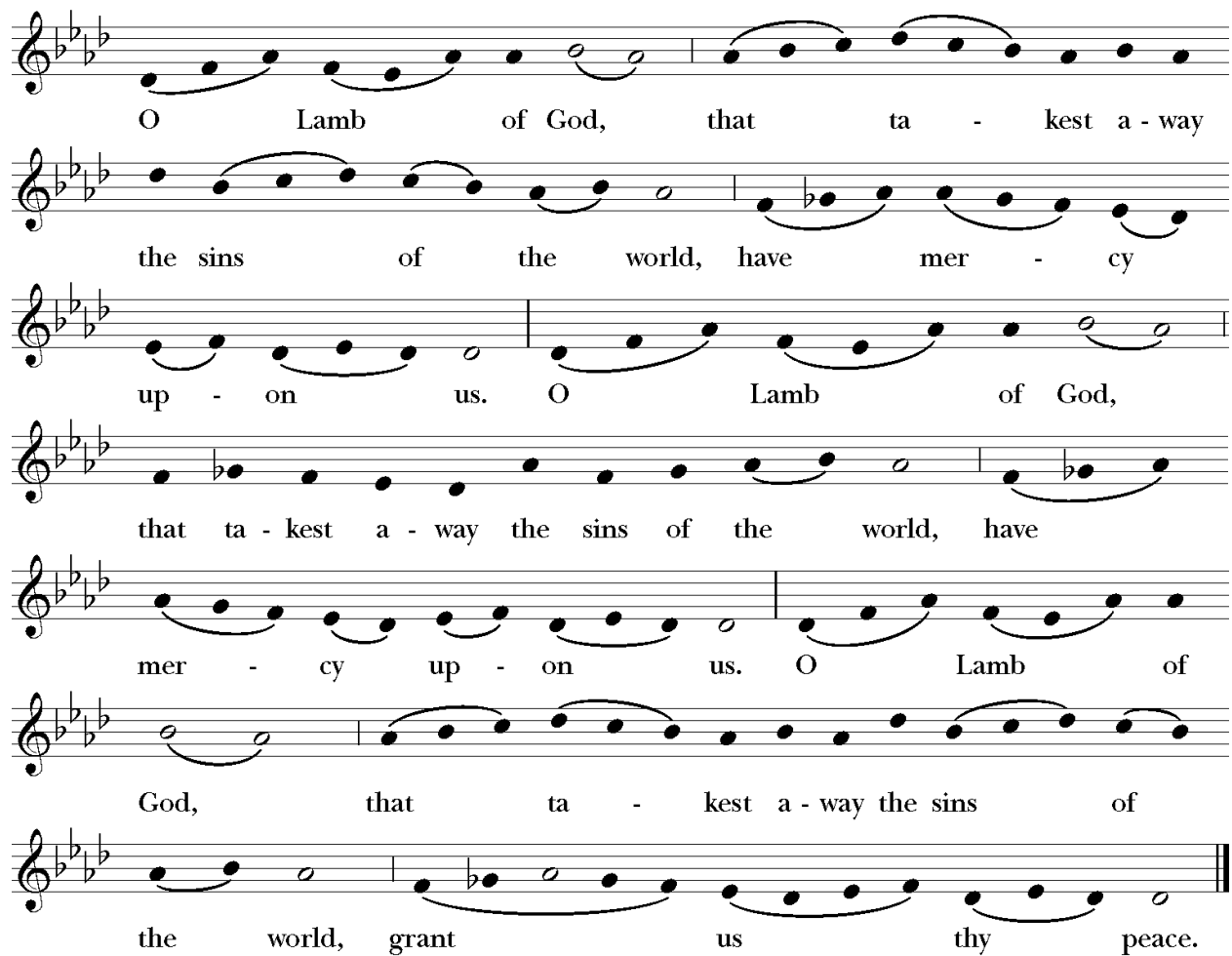
Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way
the sins of the world, have mer - cy
up - on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of
the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who feel called by God are invited to the altar.
Those who wish only a blessing should come forward and cross their arms
in front of their chest while at the altar rail. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

All sit until dismissed by the usher to receive Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymn 313 *Let thy Blood in mercy poured*

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

Refrain

of thy bound - less love the to - ken.
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing,
 of thy match - less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925). Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

Please kneel or stand.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
Be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

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 lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Vessels bearing blessed bread and wine are processed by the clergy and chancel party to the Altar of Repose in the Chapel, during which the following hymn is sung.

Hymn 171 *Go to dark Gethsemane*

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
your Re-deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;
turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
"It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854). Music: *Petra*, Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

After all elements have been cleared and the clergy return to the Sanctuary to wash and anoint the Altar, the congregation may kneel or sit

Psalm 22

Plainsong

Cantors: Sam Anderson and Kurt Knecht

All depart in silence or remain in the Chapel for The Nightwatch. You may also leave and return until midnight, using the north entrance.

THE NIGHTWATCH

On the night that Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist (Maundy Thursday), He explained to His disciples that He was about to undertake one of the most difficult trials in His earthly existence. After Supper was ended, He went to the Garden and prayed to the Father for strength to accept what was going to happen. This Garden was called Gethsemane.

Taking His apostles with Him, Jesus asked them to sit, pray and watch with Him, and to offer support as His difficult hour approached: *My soul is very sorrowful, said Jesus, even to death; remain here and watch.* After the Altar and Church are stripped on Maundy Thursday, the Sacrament is brought in procession to an area separate from the main Sanctuary, and laid to rest there in a peaceful setting, symbolic of the Gethsemane Garden. This peaceful, restful setting is called the Altar of Repose.

It has been the historical and traditional practice of the People of God to keep watch from the end of the Maundy Thursday Service, commemorating the Last Supper, through the night, to the beginning of the Good Friday Liturgy, the point in history when the soldiers came to take Christ away to be crucified. We will observe this ancient tradition by offering you the opportunity to keep watch, in half-hour intervals, through the quiet time of the night, from Maundy Thursday evening, through midnight. This will be a time when you can come and pray, meditate, watch, or do whatever you wish in quiet adoration of the Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

After the service, from around 8 PM to midnight, we invite you to stay and participate in this Night Watch. You are welcome to stay for a half-hour, and hour, or all the way to midnight.

Preacher: The Reverend Steven King

Music Director: Sam Anderson
Organist: Kurt Knecht

Readers: Rebecca Collier
Dave Collier

Prayers of the People: Donna Roath

Chalice: Dave Collier
Meredith Seaton

Ushers: Richard Martin
Ed Wankowski

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