

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Maundy Thursday
April 6, 2023

The Holy Eucharist, The Agape Meal & The Stripping of the Altar

*The People stand at the ringing of the bell and the entry of the Clergy and vested servers
The Celebrant offers a word of welcome, after which a moment of silence is kept*

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

The Celebrant continues

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept as the People kneel or bow, as are able

Celebrant and People

**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.**

The Celebrant alone stands and says

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. **Amen.**

Kyrie

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated for the readings.

A reading from the Book of Exodus (12:1-14)

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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians (11:23-26)

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn Father we thank thee

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,
in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -
Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

John 13:1-35

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.”

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Barry M. Signorelli

A period of silence follows the Sermon.

FOOT WASHING

The celebrant addresses the People saying

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, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But 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.”
Those who wish to have their feet washed go to the front pew.

People who want their feet washed sit in the pew on the pulpit side.

Sung during the Food Washing

Jesu, Jesu

Chorus

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

Words: John 13: 1-7 adapt.

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My Song Is Love Unknown

Unison or harmony



1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 *3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 *4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 *5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a



1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet



1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5 stead - fast he to suf - fer - ing goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine,
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and the People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Carlye our Bishop Diocesan, and Barry our Celebrant; for Pam and Micki, our Wardens and our Vestry and parish leaders; for the ministers and people of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, the Free Methodist Church, and all who worship here; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for the Clergy and Laity serving in the administration of the Diocese; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice President; for the members of Congress; for the Justices of the Supreme Court; for all federal, State, and local judiciaries; for all who serve the public in state and local governments; for member of the Armed Services in active duty; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant says

I bid your petitions, intercessions, and thanksgivings, to be offered now, either silently or aloud.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

You laid aside your rightful reputation



1. You laid a - side your right - ful rep - u - ta - tion
2. You touched the lep - er, ate with those re - ject - ed,
3. Help us to fol - low, Je - sus, where you lead us
4. Draw us to you and with your love trans - form us:



and gave no heed to what the world might say;
re - ceived the wor - ship of a wo - man's tears:
to love, to serve, our own lives lay - ing down;
the love we've seen, the love we've touched and known;

served as a slave and laid a - side your gar - ments
 You shed the pride that keeps us from the free - dom
 to walk your way of hum - ble, cost - ly ser - vice,
 en - large our hearts and with com - pas - sion fill us

to wash the feet of those who walked your way.
 to love our neigh - bor, lay - ing down our fears.
 a cross its end, a ring of thorns its crown.
 to love, to serve, to fol - low you a - lone.

Music by Charles Hubert Hastings Perry; Words by Rosalind Brown

The people stand or kneel as able.

The Great Thanksgiving- Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

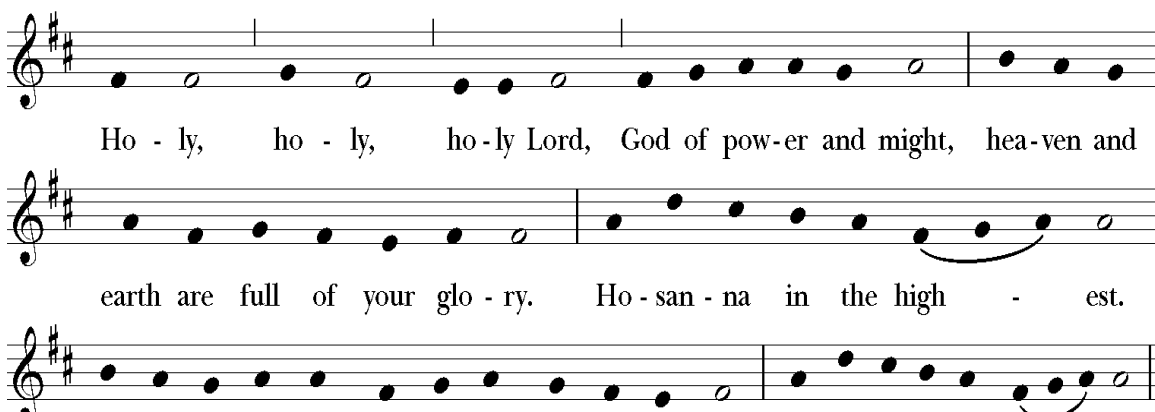
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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, 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:

Celebrant and People



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

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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continue

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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,

People and Celebrant

**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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Lamb of God

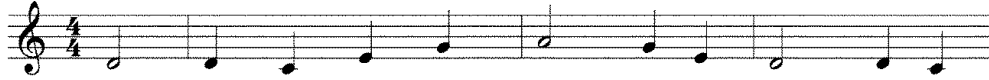
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Song

What wondrous love is this



1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2. The night be - fore the end of his life, of his
 3. "The ones who share this feast in my name, in my
 4. As ser - vant, then, he knelt at their feet, at their
 5. "What I have done for you in my love, in my
 6. They sang a hymn of praise un - to you, un - to



soul? What won-drous love is this, O my soul? What
 life, The night be - fore the end of his life; The
 name, The ones who share this feast in my name; The
 feet, As ser - vant, then, he knelt at their feet; As
 love, What I have done for you in my love; What
 you, They sang a hymn of praise un - to you; They



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 night be - fore the end my Lord sat with his
 ones who share this feast shall know their joy in -
 ser - vant, then, he knelt, a ser - vant's towel for
 I have done for you, so you are called to
 sang a hymn of praise, their hearts and voic - es



bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 friends, And of - fered them the meal of his death and his
 creased, The reign of grace and peace in my name, in my
 belt, He showed the love he felt at their feet, at their
 do, To be a ser - vant true in your love, in your
 raised, Then he went to his death— un - to you, un - to

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The Prayer after Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Following the Prayer, the procession forms to take the sacrament to the Altar of Repose.

The Crucifer leads the procession, followed by the Celebrant with the sacrament and the People.

*As the procession moves, the Celebrant [and People] sing "Now my tongue, the mystery telling",
up to verse 4.*



1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious
2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for
3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his
4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his
*5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -
*6 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,
2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing
3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,
4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,
5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,
6 and the Son, hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -
2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with
3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious
4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the
5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward
6 while e - ter - nal a - ges run; ev - er too his



1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.
2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.
3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.
4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.
5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.
6 love con - fess - ing who from both with both is One.

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The procession moves out the side door of the church, up the stairs and into the Chapel.

2 Candles that have been placed on the Altar of Repose are lit and the Sacrament is set between them.

All are invited to kneel or bow, as able and as verses *5 and *6 of the hymn are sung, beginning with "Therefore we before him bending."

When the hymn is finished, a period of silence is kept until the Celebrant rises, at which time all move to the parish hall for the Agape Meal.

Blessing of Food for the Agape Meal

Over the Wine

Celebrant Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Ruler of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you have refreshed us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

Over the Bread

Celebrant Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and on this night you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ.

People **As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf,
so gather your church in every place into the rule of your**

Over the Other Food

Celebrant Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Ruler of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger.

People **Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us,
that following our Savior in the way of the cross,
we may come to the joy of his resurrection.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and for
ever. Amen.**

The Meal

At the beginning of the meal the following Gospel is read by the Celebrant.

Mark 16: 12-16

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room

upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

At the Conclusion of the meal, the following Gospel is read by the Celebrant.

Mark 14: 32-42

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

The Stripping of the Altar

The crucifer leads the congregation back into the Church for the Stripping of the Altar.

As the Altar is being stripped, the Psalmist reads the antiphon, and the People then repeat it together

*The Psalm is read responsively by full voice, the People reading the **boldface** text*

At the conclusion of the Psalm, the antiphon is repeated once by all together

Antiphon

Psalmist They divide my garments among them; the cast lots for my clothing.

People **They divide my garments among them; the cast lots for my clothing.**

Psalm 22 *Deus, Deus meus*

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.**
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 **Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 **But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.**
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 **“He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”**
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 **I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my
mother's womb.**
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

- 12 **Many young bulls encircle me; ***
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 **I am poured out like water;**
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 **Packs of dogs close me in,**
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 **Be not far away, O LORD; ***
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 **Save me from the lion's mouth, ***
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 **Praise the LORD, you that fear him; ***
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

**24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
“May your heart live for ever!”

**26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations bow before him.**

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

**28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down
in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD’S for ever.

**30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.**

Antiphon *read once by all together*

All **They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.**

If the stripping of the Altar has not finished, the People remain seated in silence until the Celebrant reverences the Altar and leaves in silence.

The People may remain for a period of silent prayer

Please exit the church in silence

