

Maundy Thursday:

Foot Washing and Institution of the Lord's Supper

April 2, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Choral Eucharist, Rite II

CONCERNING THE LITURGY

Tonight's Eucharist on the eve of Good Friday begins the Sacred Triduum or Three Sacred Days of our redemption. This is a celebration: a celebration of our Lord's institution of the sacrament of his Body and Blood—but it is pervaded by the shadow of the Cross.

Jesus gathered with his disciples in the context of the greatest of all events in Israel's redemption: the Exodus and Passover. Yet the normal joy of such an evening was muted by betrayal, failure of his friends to understand what he was doing, and his own fear of what was to come. It was a farewell dinner in which Jesus, by washing his disciples' feet, sought to illustrate one final time the character of love and ministry which is central in the life to which he calls us: self-giving love to the point of dying for one's friends.

We hear the ancient instructions for celebrating the Passover; Paul's account of the institution of the Eucharist; and John's account of the moment when Jesus washed his disciples' feet.

After Holy Communion tonight, the liturgy will not end (it continues tomorrow, Saturday, and Sunday when it comes to its conclusion). We will take the Sacrament which remains tonight and place it on the Altar of Repose where it will be available for Holy Communion on Good Friday. You are invited to keep vigil there tonight in response to our Lord's question: "Could you not watch with me one hour?"

▲ Indicates the People stand, as able. ✝ Indicates the People may make the sign of the cross.

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

Ubi caritas et amor
(Where charity and love dwell, God is there)

arr. Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 Praise to the Ho-li_est in the height, and in the depth be praise;
 2 O lov-ing wis-dom of our God! When all was sin and shame,
 3 O wis-est love! that flesh and blood, which did in Ad - am fail,
 4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and blood re - fine:
 5 And in the gar - den se - cret - ly, and on the cross on high,
 6 Praise to the Ho-li_est in the height, and in the depth be praise;

in all his words most won-der-ful, most sure in all his ways!
 a sec - ond Ad - am to the fight and to the res - cue came.
 should strive a - fresh a - gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;
 God's pres - ence and his ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.
 should teach his breth - ren, and in - spire to suf - fer and to die.
 in all his words most won-der-ful, most sure in all his ways!

Words: John Henry Newman (1801–1890), alt.
Music: *Newman*, Richard Runciman Terry (1865–1938)

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

▲ THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

▲ KYRIE ELEISON

Upper Voices
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Lower Voices
Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

All Voices
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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▲ 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.**

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1–14

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

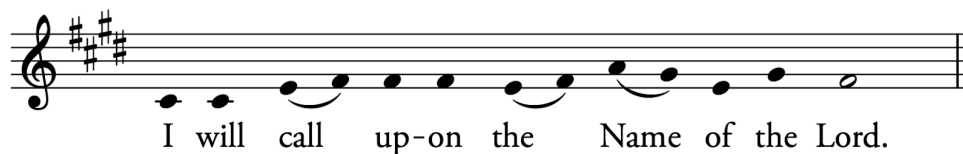
The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a 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. 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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



from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing, Inc.

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. **Refrain**

How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people. **Refrain**

Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.
O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds. **Refrain**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. **Refrain**

Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

▲ HYMN

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 - joice 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.
 that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days. } *Antiphon*
 for ev - er and for ev - er - more, world with - out end. }

Words: Latin; tr. Joyce MacDonald Glover (1923–2013)

Music: *Ubi caritas*, plainsong, Mode 6

▲ GOSPEL

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Gospeler 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." Jesus said, "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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Deacon Paula Waite

FOOT WASHING

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.

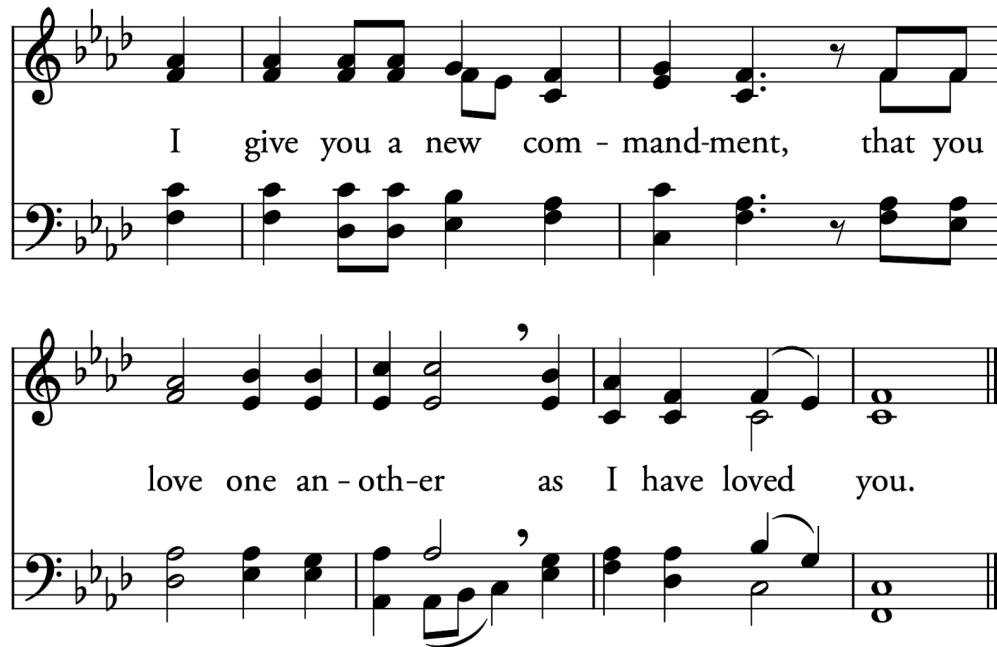
Therefore, I invite you, who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for “a servant is not greater than 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.”

The People are encouraged to come forward and have their feet washed.

The following is sung during the washing of feet.

Refrain

Peter Latona (b. 1968)



I give you a new com - mand-ment, that you
love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.

After the Lord had risen from supper, he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of his disciples: he left them this example. Jesus said to his disciples: **Refrain**

The Lord Jesus, after eating supper with his disciples, washed their feet and said to them: Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done for you? I have given you an example, that you should do likewise. Jesus said to his disciples: **Refrain**

Lord, are you to wash my feet? Jesus said to him in answer: If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with me. Jesus said to his disciples: **Refrain**

So he came to Simon Peter and Peter said to him: Lord, are you to wash my feet? Jesus said to him in answer: If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with me. What am I doing, you do not know for now, but later you will come to know. Lord, are you to wash my feet? Jesus said to him in answer: If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with me. Jesus said to his disciples: **Refrain**

If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, how much more should you wash each other's feet? This is how all will know that you are my disciples: if you have love for one another. Jesus said to his disciples: **Refrain**

Let faith, hope and charity, these three, remain among you, but the greatest of these is charity. Now faith, hope and charity, these three, remain; but the greatest of these is charity. Jesus said to his disciples: **Refrain**

Wonder, Love, and Praise, # 730



1 As in that up - per room you left your seat
 2 I bow be - fore you, all my sin con - fessed,
 3 So in re - mem - brance of your life laid down



and took a towel and chose a ser - vant's part, so
 to hear a - gain the words of love you said: and
 I come to praise you for your grace di - vine; saved



for to - day, Lord, wash a - gain my feet,
 at your ta - ble, as your hon - ored guest,
 by your cross, and sub - ject to your crown,



who in your mer - cy died to cleanse my heart.
 I take and eat the true and liv - ing Bread.
 strength - ened for ser - vice by this bread and wine.



2 I
 3 So

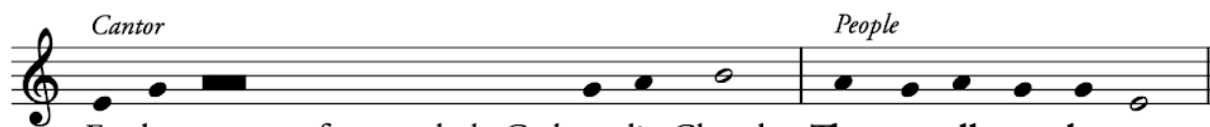
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All stand, as able, for the prayers.

▲ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE


Form III

Cantor *People*



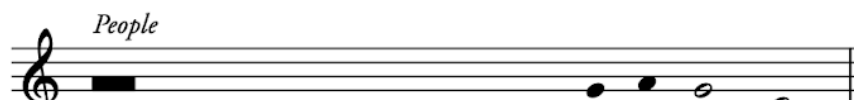
Fa-ther, we pray for your holy Cath-o - lic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Cantor



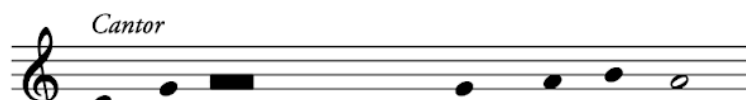
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and hum-bly serve you;

People



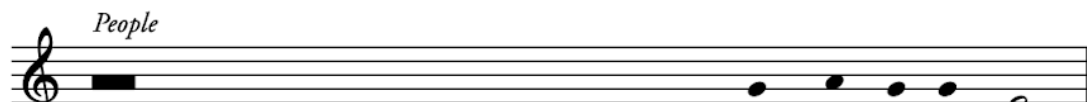
That your Name may be glorified by all peo - ple.

Cantor



We pray for all bishops, priests, and dea-cons;

People



That they may be faithful ministers of your word and sac-ra-ments.

Cantor



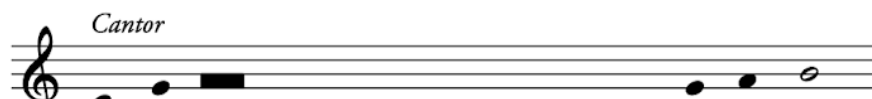
We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People



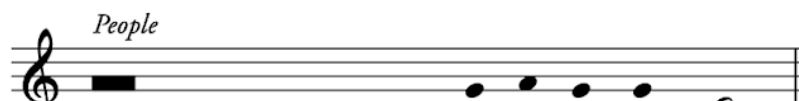
That there may be jus-tice and peace on earth.

Cantor



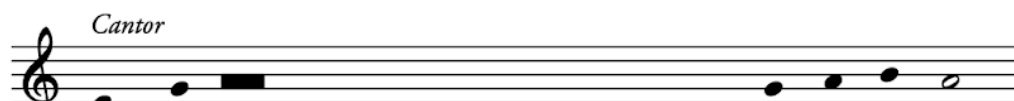
Give us grace to do your will in all that we un-der-take;

People



That our works may find fa-vor in your sight.

Cantor



Have com-panion on those who suffer from any grief or trou-ble;

People

That they may be deliv-ered from their dis-tress.

Cantor *People*

‡ Give to the depart-ed e-ter-nal rest; **Let light perpetual shine up-on them.**

Cantor

We praise you for your saints who have entered in-to joy;

People

May we also come to share in your hea-ven-ly king-dom.

Cantor

Let us pray for our own needs, and the needs of o - thers.

Setting: Anaphoral chant; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (1947–2025)

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant Lord Jesus, you come into our lives when we are least prepared for you. As you enfolded your betrayers, so embrace us who struggle to love. Reconcile us with our sisters and brothers, and, for the sake of your love, forgive us all our sins. Ground us in humility and whenever we stray, lead us back to your loving and healing embrace. **Amen.**

▲ THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
 Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
 Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.
 Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
 Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where there is charity and love, God is there.
 The love of Christ has gathered us together.
 Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
 Let us revere and love the living God.
 And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

▲ PRESENTATION HYMN

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

The Hymnal 1982, # 323

▲ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion ✝ make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

▲ THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Hymnal 1982, S 119

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name, thy king-dom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
And for-give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, but de-liv-er us from e - vil. For thine is
the king-dom, and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944)

▲ THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

▲ AGNUS DEI

Upper Voices
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

Lower Voices
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

All Voices
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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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. (Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.)

The Sacrament is distributed at the communion rail; you are welcome to kneel or stand to receive. Please grasp the chalice at the base and guide it to your lips. Gluten-free wafers are available, please ask the priest if you need one. Communion is full and complete in either the host or the chalice. If you desire to receive a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

Go to dark Gethsemane

The Hymnal 1982, # 171

▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.
People Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

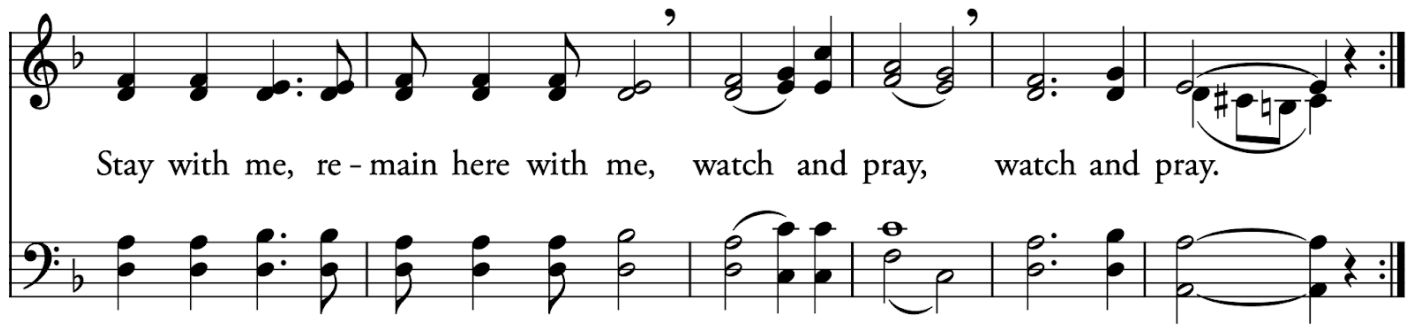
All remain standing, as able.

The Sacrament is carried in procession to the altar of repose in the crypt.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 88 *Domine, Deus*

All are seated as the music begins. The refrain is always sung 3 times.



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O LORD, my God, my Savior, *
 by day and night I cry to you.
 Let my prayer enter into your presence; *
 incline your ear to my lamentation.
 For I am full of trouble; *
 my life is at the brink of the grave. **Refrain 3x**

I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; *
 I have become like one who has no strength;
 Lost among the dead, *
 like the slain who lie in the grave,
 Whom you remember no more, *
 for they are cut off from your hand. **Refrain 3x**

You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, *
 in dark places, and in the abyss.
 Your anger weighs upon me heavily, *
 and all your great waves overwhelm me.
 You have put my friends far from me;
 you have made me to be abhorred by them; *
 I am in prison and cannot get free. **Refrain 3x**

My sight has failed me because of trouble; *
 LORD, I have called upon you daily;
 I have stretched out my hands to you.
 Do you work wonders for the dead? *
 will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?
 Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? *
 your faithfulness in the land of destruction?
 Will your wonders be known in the dark? *
 or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten? **Refrain 3x**

But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help; *
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
LORD, why have you rejected me? *
why have you hidden your face from me?
Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death; *
I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind. **Refrain 3x**

Your blazing anger has swept over me; *
your terrors have destroyed me;
They surround me all day long like a flood; *
they encompass me on every side.
My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me, *
and darkness is my only companion. **Refrain 3x**

*The all-night Vigil in the Garden begins at this time in the crypt.
You are invited to keep watch any time throughout the night.*

All depart the darkened church in silence.

Good Friday, April 3

Noon - Liturgy for Good Friday

Holy Saturday, April 4

7 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day - Sunday, April 5

8 am - Festal Choral Eucharist in the Church

10:15 am - Festal Choral Eucharist in the Church

10:15 am - Festal Eucharist in the Parish Hall

Easter Egg hunt on St. Peter's square following the end of the last service.



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